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Famed Handy Taken To Final Resting Place

A Vivid Portrait . . .

'I Knew Handy'

By GEORGE W. LEE

"I hate to see that evening sun go down," is a line in the "St. Louis Blues," which hangs in the American mind like tinsel on a Christmas tree.

For W. C. Handy, the composer of this immortal tune, the "evening sun" has gone down for the last time beyond

"Old Man River." But like Old Man River, the melody of his sad, sweet songs will just keep rolling along through the corridors of the centuries, and baffle the mist of time.

I once asked W. C. Handy what made him great. He pondered the question for a moment, and finally, when he lifted his head to answer, a strange light was in his eyes. He said slowly, "I don't know about being great. I just love people, and I love doing things to glorify them."

HE LOVED BEALE

Handy loved Beale st. I am sure of that. He spent a life in full service to all of its demands, and its traditions, its weaknesses, and its ecstasies. To him there was no humor, pathos, and drama in that crooked little street which sprang as from some miasmic dream of paved Congo, the jerky pantomime of plaint and piety, suppressions and sensuousness which was the outer soul of the Negro come to town.

Handy had been blind for years, but he could see, though his eyes were closed. Louise Handy, his



GEORGE W. LEE

loyal and faithful wife, was his eyes.

He had been married once before to Mrs. Elizabeth Handy, the companion of his youth, who died

in 1937. Last Friday at 3 a. m., at the Sydenham hospital, he passed quietly into another world, at a time when he didn't have to see the evening sun go down. There were those about his bedside, who saw him come to the end of his long day long before night had fallen from heaven on a rope of twilight.

W. C. Handy, jr., and Wyer, his two sons; Charles, a brother; Mrs. Catherine Lewis, a daughter; Mrs. Handy and a grandson, W. C. Handy, III, mourn his passing.

A MILLION BANDS

Rivers full of muddy water have rolled down to the sea since that night back in 1909 when Handy first got a blues song right in his head and set it down on music paper. A million bands have gone to town on that song, the Memphis Blues. A million voices have echoed it like winged music through eternity and a million juke boxes have swelled up loud in smoke-laden night clubs from Beale Street to a crossroad shack in the Montana plains.

For the past forty years America has been singing Handy's first song, the Memphis Blues. Its mood and melody has resounded around the world. Its melody created the St. Louis Blues which went with President Harding's flag-ship to Alaska and to Washington to entertain Ramsey MacDonald. But the Father of the Blues has no more melody in his soul, nor will he listen again to one of his great sacred songs "They That Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy."

HONORED BY EVERYBODY

The life of W. C. Handy and the story of how he originated the blues has been told many times. He has been honored by everybody. His hometown of Florence, Alabama recently erected a handsome ultra-modern public school in his honor; Memphis has a town square named after him, and St.

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Refuse To Re-Admit Ousted Church Members

An attempt by two former officers, who were also trustees of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist church No. 3, at 1543 Brookins st., to regain membership in the church last week was rejected by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Ferguson, according to two former members.

The men, Plummer Peoples, of 1544 Carpenter st., and Isaac Stone, of 3105 Mt. Olive st., are two of three dismissed members of the church who filed a suit against the pastor last year, asking for \$30,000 damages for slander and defamation, which they claim they suffered on Oct. 4. Another member, David L. Edmonds, of 1532 Brookins rd., is also involved in the suit.

On last Sunday, March 23, when the doors of the church were opened for members, Mr. Peoples and Mr. Stone said that they went forward. The officers of the church stood as is the custom at that church during that phase of the service.

I CAN'T

Seeing the men who had brought the suit against him standing in the front of the church, they stated that Rev. Ferguson told the officers

to be seated, and said, "I see that Brother Stone and Brother Peoples have come up to join church."

"I can't do this, I cannot do this until after the lawsuit for which I have been indicted twice has been settled. I don't want to be indicted a third time," he explained.

"The law is," he continued, "that if a member brings a suit against someone that is a member of the church, he should be disfellowshipped. And if they are already out, and brings a suit against someone in the church, they cannot be taken in."

NO SUIT AGAINST CHURCH

At this point in the proceedings, Mr. Stone asked for permission to make a statement and said, "I am

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Ark. White Woman Finds NAACP 'Worthy'

The history of the NAACP and praise for the organization was recently published in a letter to the editor of the Arkansas "Gazette," by a young white woman whose curiosity in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was aroused when it received the blame

for the disturbance over integration at Central High school in Little Rock last fall. Following is the full text of the letter:

"To the Editor of the Gazette: In the summer of 1958, Springfield, Ill., was torn by a race riot. The death and havoc wrought by prejudice on the rampage caused a Kentucky writer, a feminine social worker, a New York editor, and a leader of immigrant groups—all white people—to come together and issue a call for a national conference on the racial problems facing the United States. Of the 53 eminent signers of this appeal, only six were Negroes.

"A year later this active liberal white committee merged with an active, liberal, Negro organization called the Niagara Movement, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was formed. Its ultimate objective is short and simple to state, long and tedious to achieve: Full equality for the Negro as an American Citizen.

The NAACP has 1,100 branch offices, 700 of them in the South. Forty-five per cent of the 300,000 membership is in the South. The president of this organization has always been a white man.

"I never thought much about the NAACP, for about the race problems facing the South, until the disgraceful happenings at Little Rock Central High school. When the majority of the white

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Manassas Math Department Wins Top Recognition

The mathematics department of Manassas High school gained national recognition last week when it was granted charter membership in the National High School Mathematics club, Mu Alpha Theta.

Charter membership is granted to a high school only after a careful examination is made of course offerings and its staff in mathematics by the national officers of the club.

Charter members must have a grade average in mathematics of B-plus for four semesters of solid mathematics, be enrolled in the fifth semester, and have an overall average of B for all high school work.

FACULTY ADVISOR

The faculty advisor for the Manassas High school chapter of Mu Alpha Theta is Mrs. Juanita R. Turner, who received her master's degree in mathematics from the University of Illinois.

The mathematics students who received charter memberships along with the school are Helen E. Armstrong, Johnnie M. Baptist, Carroll H. Bledsoe, Bennie O. Flagg, Ernest Lee, Albert Macklin, Dorothy L. Matthews, Luther C. McClellan, and Evelyn J. Mitchell.

Also Larry C. Stanback, Linnie B. Thomas, Edward L. Thorntop, Gwendolyn F. Townsend, Josephine E. Watkins, Odie Williams, and Terealuis P. Williams.

The club was organized at the University of Oklahoma in April, 1957, and now has national officers and chapters from Maine to California, and one club in Alaska.

Manassas was the seventh high school in the state of Tennessee to qualify for membership in the organization, and the only one in Memphis to receive the honor so far.

Sponsor 'St. Louis Blues'



PREMIERE SPONSORS—The premiere showing of the Paramount film, "St. Louis Blues," at the New Daisy theatre on Thursday evening, April 17, is being sponsored as a benefit for the athletic department of Negro high schools by the Alpha Delta chapter of the Alpha Gamma Chi sorority. Sorors, seated in foreground, from left are Maxine Driver, Doris Jean Harris, Vivian Ford, and Rosa Pittman. Seated in rear, same order, are Earlene Lewis, Florence Williams, Christine Cox, Eunice Gordon, Daisy Paige, and Ruth Hendrix. (Photo by Reese Studio)

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Sorority Sponsoring Premiere Of 'St. Louis Blues' An Alert Group

The Alpha Gamma Chi, whose Alpha Delta chapter is sponsoring the Memphis premiere of the "St. Louis Blues," for the benefit of the athletic departments of the Negro high schools of the city, is an educational and social sorority, which offers the same social and cultural advantages as college sororities.

The film is to have its premiere at the New Daisy theatre on Beale st., on Thursday evening, April 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The sorority was founded in Denver, Colo., in August, 1951, by Robert Palmer, and has four chapters in Memphis. They are the

Alpha Delta, the Alpha Alpha, the Alpha Beta and the Alpha Gamma. **GROUP'S OBJECTIVES**—The objectives of the sorority is to promote and cultivate social and cultural developments among the members, and to develop understanding and friendship between young women of America, regardless of race, creed or color.

Membership in the organization can be obtained by invitation only, and by acceptance of the pledge by the national organization. Full membership is gained by initiation through ritual.

The officers of the Alpha Delta chapter are Mrs. Florence Williams, president; Mrs. Doris Jean Harris, vice president; Mrs. Louise Bacon, recording secretary; Mrs. Ruby Hendrix, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rosa Pittman, educational director; Mrs. Daisy Paige, treasurer, and Mrs. Vivian Ford, publicity chairman.

Other sorors are Maxine Criver, Eunice Gordon, Sadie Anderson, Bernetta Nash and Christine Cox.

There will be Easter parties on nine Negro playgrounds here next Sunday, and serving as co-sponsor in the celebrations will be the Memphis Recreation department. The Easter parties, which include talent shows, Easter bonnet and Easter basket contests, with the egg hunt as a special feature, will begin at 2:00 p.m. on all of the playgrounds, and will proceed in whatever weather prevails at the time. Neither hail, sleet, rain, or snow will cause the officials in charge to delay the program a minute.

BEALE AND DOUGLAS—At the Beale st. playground, James Black and Miss Barbara Neal will be in charge of the program which is being co-sponsored by the Beale St. Business Men.

In charge of the party at the Dixie Homes, co-sponsored by the

Monument To Handy Drive

Mrs. Jana Porter, of 1300 Edith, well-known home economics expert, who was a close friend of W. C. Handy, offered the first donation for the erection of a monument to the famed composer last Monday.

Persons interested in giving contributions to a monument for Mr. Handy may send the money to The Handy Monument Fund, Tri-State Defender, 236 South Wellington, Memphis, Tenn.

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Thousands Mourn Loss Of Composer

Buried In New York's Woodlawn Cemetery

Funeral services for W. C. Handy, known around the globe as the "Father of the Blues," were held on Wednesday morning at the Abyssinian Baptist church in Harlem, and many stars and producers of the entertainment world were there to pay their last respects to the composer.

Among those present to mourn his loss was Mayor Robert Wagner of the City of New York.

There to play Mr. Handy's favorite hymn, "The Holy City," was Cootie Williams, the jazz trumpeter, who introduced many of the composer's tunes.

Mr. Handy died last Friday in the Sydenham hospital in Harlem where he had been carried four days before, and his death was caused by acute bronchial pneumonia.

In Memphis, both white and Negro civic leaders planned for memorial services for the former Memphian, who contributed to the city's fame with his "Memphis Blues," and "Beale Street Blues," as others reminisced of their meetings with Mr. Handy, during his residence and visits here.

MANY PAY TRIBUTE

Thousands of New Yorkers had filed past his bier at the Campbell Funeral home in Manhattan, where he lay in state on Saturday and Sunday, and many other hundreds came to the Prince Hall Masonic Temple on W. 155th st. on Monday and Tuesday to take a final glimpse of the man who had glorified the American folk music known as the "blues." Special masonic services were held for him there.

On Wednesday, thousands of New Yorkers lined the sidewalks near the church, unable to gain entrance. After the services, the hearse bearing his remains, drove slowly through the streets of Harlem, with a band playing funeral music, following closely behind.

Suddenly, the band did an about face, broke out with the "St. Louis Blues," and marched in the opposite direction as the hearse gathered speed, and carried him to the family plot in the Woodlawn cemetery.

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Hold Memorial Services For Handy On Beale

A memorial service honoring the late W. C. Handy was held at Beale Street Baptist church Wednesday afternoon with Mayor Edmund Orgill, prominent citizens and the Pendleton Presbyterian church choir, white, among those participating.

The program was as follows: Music by the Booker T. Washington high school band outside the church from 5:15 to 5:30 p. m.; at 5:30 p. m. the national anthem.

Rev. E. J. Wilson, pastor of Beale Street Baptist church, presented Rev. H. C. Bunton, who gave the invocation. Then a hymn was sung by the audience.

"Mayor" Matthew Thornton introduced Mayor Orgill, who made the principal address. Remarks were by Lee Winchester, who knew Mr. Handy for years.

The East Trigg Baptist church choir then rendered a selection. The obituary was given by Lt. George W. Lee, a long time friend of Mr. Handy's. Then the Pendleton choir sang Mr. Handy's latest composition: "They That Sow in Tears Will Reap in Joy."

Benediction was by Rev. H. C. Nabrit, minister of First Baptist church, Lauderdale.

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Install Staff Of Whitehaven Community Club

Installation services for the Hilldale-Whitehaven Community club were held last week at the Old Nonconhah Baptist church on Old Highway 51 near Brooks road, with A. C. Williams serving as guest speaker.

The service was the seventh installation held by the club. It was granted a charter on Sept. 17, 1951, and has been active since that time, encouraging thrift and charity among the members.

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NBC Head Files Answer

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA)—Moving toward a trial of the case, the Rev. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., has filed his answer to the petition to oust him from office.

This is the first move in the case since Judge Richmond B. Keen in the United States District Court here Feb. 26 dismissed the motion of the Rev. Mr. Jackson to quash the unusual writ of quo warranto requiring him to show by what warrant he is serving as president of the Convention.

At the same time, attorneys for the Rev. William H. Borders, pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, and nine other

ministers, withdrew their motion for summary judgement against Dr. Jackson.

HE ANSWERS

The disposition of these motions cleared the way for a hearing on the merits of the case, which will probably be long drawn out and costly. Attorneys for Dr. Jackson have indicated that they intend to begin taking depositions of witnesses at an early date.

In his answer, Dr. Jackson says he is holding the presidency of the Convention because:

1. He was duly and properly elected at the 77th session in Louisville, Ky., last September 4.

2. He was eligible for reelection because he was on that date "a messenger in good and regular standing with a church holding membership in the Convention and possessed sufficient learning and ability to insure competency for the position as required by the revised constitution of the Convention."

NO VALID RULE

He asserts that he was eligible also because the Convention did not have on Sept. 4, 1957, and does not now have, a valid rule limiting the number of years a member may hold office.

The relief sought by the petitioners—his ouster from the office—should not be granted, Dr. Jackson states, because the complaint fails to state a claim against him upon which relief can be granted.

DENIES HE INTRUDED—Dr. Jackson denies that he has usurped, intruded into or unlaw-

fully holds or exercises an office in a domestic corporation within the meaning of the statute authorizing quo warranto proceedings.

That statute gives the United States Attorney the power to bring an action in the name of the United States whenever it appears that a person is unlawfully holding an office in a domestic corporation.

The petitioners brought their action under that statute. The United States Attorney approved their petition, and Judge John J. Sirica issued the writ.

Dr. Jackson says he is without knowledge or sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of the status of the petitioners in the Con-

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MISS MAGNOLIA BETTS, the Gersoppa Dukes "Think Pink" fashion model is just another beautiful indication of the feminine loveliness and fashion consciousness that will be witnessed at the Gersoppa

Dukes, Inc. Sixth Annual Affairs Extravaganza entitled "Think Pink," which will be presented at Club Ebony, 500 Beale on Easter Sunday, April 6 beginning at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

All Set For Gersoppa Dukes Fashion Revue

One of the most anticipated events of the year for members of Memphis, social set will take place on Easter Sunday April 6. The occasion will be the colorful and traditional Affairs Extravaganza presented by Gersoppa Dukes, Inc. entitled "Think Pink."

The Fashion Event which each year attracts several hundred will take place at 8 p.m., at Club Ebony, 500 Beale. The club will be transformed into a pink wonderland featuring all shades of pink in decor and lighting.

Fashion models will display garments which are sure to please the most discriminating taste. Cornelia Crenshaw, who has no peer in the field of fashion commentary in Memphis, has been chosen to handle the narrator chores. Recently selected as Memphis' Best Dressed Business Woman, Mrs. Crenshaw is capable

Talent Show By Teachers Draws Capacity House

The "Standing Room Only" sign went up early at the Hyde Park school auditorium last Thursday night. More than 700 persons packed the building to see the "Teacher's Talent Program" in which about 45 of the teachers participated.

The performance was a double success, according to Mrs. Margaret Blanchard, president of the school's PTA. Everyone enjoyed the program, and enough funds were raised to install a library in the school.

Admission for adults was fifty cents, and twenty-five cents for children. The total amount reported for the evening was \$212. Among the highlights of the program were the saxophone solo given by the principal, S. M. Helm; and the barbershop singing done by Edward Prater, T. R. Johnson, William Collins, Fred Williams and O. L. Cash.

Another exciting rendition of the evening was the "manless wedding," in which Mrs. Edwina Porter served as the minister; Mrs. Susie Hightower, as the bride; and Mrs. F. Fleming, as the groom. Other women teachers served as ushers and attendants.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the program was Omar Robinson, music teacher at Douglas High school. Decorations were made in the school's art department under the supervision of Mrs. Mozella Starks and Mrs. Evelyn Carter, the first grade teacher, was the director of the talent show.

Memorial

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A group of citizens met in the mayor's office Monday and decided to launch a fund-raising campaign to erect a statue or bust of Mr. Handy and to start a scholarship fund for talented young musicians.

The Tri-State Bank of Memphis will be asked to serve as trustee for the fund. Anyone wishing to contribute may do so by sending the donation to either the HANDY MEMORIAL FUND, Tri State Defender, 238 S. Wellington, or to the Tri State Bank of Memphis, 386 Beale st.

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Louis has a scholarship fund in his name to be awarded annually to worthy Negro and white youngsters with musical talent. The fund offices will be housed in a new building to be erected on the spot where Handy once slept as a hobo. The huge clock on its facade will play the opening bars of the St. Louis Blues on the hour.

Handy made a long step from Alabama to the advancing wave of circumstances on which he advanced himself to one of the high pinnacles of earthly grandeur and renown.

BORN IN 1873

He was born on November 15, 1873 in Florence, Ala. As a child he was thrilled by the singing of his people. In his tenth year, he could read music at sight, and he had a good tenor voice. His father and mother wanted him to be a minister, but Handy wanted to be a musician. His first step was to get enough money to pay for instructions.

To this end, he left home and walked all the way to Birmingham, where he taught school for awhile. When the depression that marked the Cleveland administration brought general unemployment, he joined a sloop quartet and set out for the World's Fair at Chicago.

The singers had no money, so they hopped a freight train and attempted to beat their way West.

LUCKY BREAK

Luckily for them, the brakeman who discovered them had a weakness for songs, so with cornet and guitar, as Handy said "that soothed his savage breast," and instead of being redlighted, they were conducted to a caboose deluge.

In 1897 Handy returned to Alabama and taught vocal and band music at the Agricultural and Mechanical College in Huntsville. His life at this period was restless, interspersed with travel in Mexico, Cuba and Canada. Handy the composer had not found himself. It was in Memphis, Tenn., where Handy received the impetus that sent him along the road to renown.

Through the mist of the years he beheld the golden towers of his dreams rise at last against a background of reality. A great impulse to set the songs of the cotton pickers, the river songs of the railroad, the river songs of the rousters who made music as they worked.

AN ENDURING GIFT To them singing was a necessity, rather than a luxury. W. C. Handy, who like Stephen Foster, brooded over the songs of the Negro flowing in quick tears and laughter straight from his unhappy heart. So, in Memphis, Handy emphasized the native and nationalistic element of these songs and gave them as an enduring gift to America's treasury of music.

A political situation in 1909 afforded nationwide publicity for Handy and his new music. In that year Williams, Talbot, and E. H. Crump, were running for election for mayor of Memphis. Jim Mulchay, political ward boss, hired Handy to play for Crump. Echford and Bynum bands were employed for the other two candidates.

In order to out-do these two great bands, Handy was spurred to creative efforts. Down in Clarksville, Miss., in St. Louis, Mo., in Evansville, Ind., in Henderson, Ky., and later on Beale st., Handy had devoted himself to acquiring the material and atmosphere which would someday aid him in making a musical rendition of Negro Folk Songs.

Now he found his store of knowledge useful in another way. His band opened the campaign at Main and Madison with a piece called "Mr. Crump," a composition which took the shape of the inevitable results of the tempo of cotton-picking work songs along the aching side of old man river, of happy nights in the pleasure palaces strung out along Beale Street and the privation of poverty chinked cabins and slender precarious meals. The crowd in the streets literally went wild over it. They shouted until they were hoarse demanding to hear it again and again. They whistled and danced with the rhythmic sway of the music as the words came with the drift of the wind:

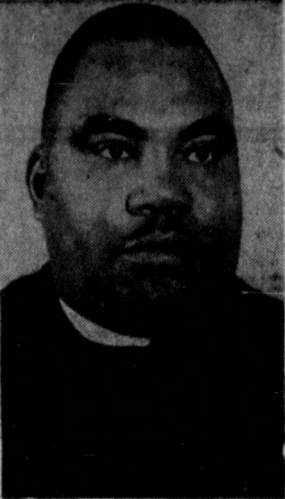
"Mr. Crump don't 'low no easy riders here, Mr. Crump don't 'low no easy riders here. I don't care what Mr. Crump don't 'low, I'm gonna bar'l-house anyhow. Mr. Crump can go and catch himself some air."

TWO TO VICTORY That tune was the vehicle which carried two to victory. Handy rode on it from Beale to Broadway. Crump, to 25 years of undisputed political leadership in Memphis. After the election, the Mr. Crump song was changed and titled "Memphis Blues" and offered for publication.

After every publisher in the country had turned it down as worthless, it was sold to T. C. Bennett, a young white man, head of the Music Department of a department store, for one hundred dollars. The young white man made a fortune out of the "Memphis Blues."

Handy's next number, the "St. Louis Blues" suffered the same fate with the publishers as did the Memphis Blues. When the publishers rejected it and laughed at him, he became discouraged and laid the Pace and Handy Music Company to publish the St. Louis Blues.

WIDE POPULARITY This little song about the man-stealing woman with her diamond rings, has sold more than two million copies; is played and recorded in almost every country on



TO BE HONORED — Rev. D. Warner Browning, pastor of the Mount Pisgah CME church will be honored by a group of local citizens in services at the church on April 8, at 7:30 p.m. for his civic and religious contributions to the community. Serving as coordinator of the program will be Mrs. Car lotta Stewart. Rev. Browning received a Tri-State Defender Award last year.

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stressed the need for registration and voting, and said that each person who registers should get at least one other person to go and do likewise.

PROF. JOHNSON SPEAKER

A short talk preceding the main address was given by Prof. O. B. Johnson of the Leath school in Memphis.

Others who appear on the program were Mrs. Etta Mae Jones, who was in charge of devotions; Miss Dorothy Rogers, who gave the welcome address, Prof. C. L. Moseley, who installed the officers, and Fred Williams, who gave words of thanks.

Serving as master of ceremonies during the service was M. M. Williams. Music was furnished by the soloists, Mrs. Etta Mae Jones and Mrs. Hathaway Redden. Among the officers installed were Rev. R. L. Jones, who has been president of the club since it was organized, and Mrs. Hathaway Redden, secretary.

The members of the program committee were Mrs. Frances Jones, Mrs. Suella Davis, Arthel Williams, and Leroy Martin.

Mayor

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ect. In the telegram to Mrs. Handy, the mayor said: "Memphis extends its sympathy to you in your bereavement. W. C. Handy is beloved by our citizens, particularly those of us who enjoyed the music he played in person here. As you know there is in Memphis a W. C. Handy Park located very close to where he composed much of his famous music.

"We respectfully and sincerely suggest that you consider letting this park be your husband's final resting place. We promise that it will always be maintained in beauty and dignity as a shrine to this great man."

Along with the mayor, the telegram was signed by City Commissioners C. A. Armour, S. Dillard, J. T. Dwyer, and H. Loeb. Park officials whose signatures were on the telegram included Park Commissioners Harry Pierotti, chairman; Leo Bearman, John Gorman, E. C. Barwick, W. Welford, Jr., and Hal Lewis, superintendent of parks.

the map and has become one of America's national anthems.

The growth of Handy's music in our times has a consequence which is still impossible to determine. I think someone this music called the blues will provide the raw material which will stimulate American culture.

There are many people in these vast United States, who have become famous in the field of music, but without a doubt the leader and dean of them all is the late W. C. Handy, famous for composing and writing the Memphis, the St. Louis, the Beale Street Blues and in addition, many sacred songs that America is now listening to, such as "They That Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy."

TOP BOOK Among the outstanding and leading books that have been written by Handy, Father of the Blues, is his autobiography and Treasury of the Blues, which he edited.

The last time Handy was a visitor in my home, he said that Handy Brothers Music Company was about to publish an outstanding symphony called "Blue Destiny." The first movement would be based on the St. Louis Blues, the second movement on the Beale Street Blues, the fourth movement based on the Harlem Blues and the Memphis Blues.

MORE THAN SONGS

So, the dean of American music has passed. He brought to the American public songs that the heart cannot tell in its own futile terms, but must borrow out of tragedy and fervent plaint, the walls from which he drew his own great songs.

The Beale Street blues, the Memphis Blues, the St. Louis Blues hold fast to something deep down inside of one. They are a loving, shining symbol that only the soul of man can understand.

Handy

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cemetery in Yonkers for burial. IN WHEEL CHAIR

Mr. Handy suffered a stroke in 1955, and since then he had been able to move about only in a wheel chair. He and his wife, Mrs. Irma Louise Logan Handy, his former secretary, whom he married in 1954, lived at 19 Chester dr., Yonkers.

The Handys had planned to fly to St. Louis on April 7 for the world premiere of the Paramount film, "St. Louis Blues," a biography of his life, which features many of the blues songs that he composed.

Radio stations all over the United States played the "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues," and the "Beale St. Blues" following the announcement of his death, and as a tribute to him throughout the day.

LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE

His last public appearance was on Nov. 17, 1957, at a birthday party given for him at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. There were more than 800 actors, musicians, and outstanding personalities gathered in the Grand Ballroom to honor him.

He received birthday congratulations from President Eisenhower, vice President Richard M. Nixon, and Governor Averell Harriman, and Mayor Wagner proclaimed the occasion "W. C. Handy Week" in New York. "W. C. Handy Week" was also celebrated in Memphis.

William Christopher Handy was born in Florence, Ala., on Nov. 15, 1873, the son of emancipated slaves. Both his father and his grandfather were Methodist preachers, and were pastors of the first Negro church in the city.

MUSIC COMPANY

Mr. Handy was president of the Handy Brothers Music company, a member of the American Federation of Musicians and the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Composers. He was also a member of the Negro Actors Guild.

The composer lost his sight after World War I, and partially regained his vision. He became totally blind in 1943 after falling from a subway platform and fracturing his skull.

His survivors, with him at his death, are Mrs. Handy; two sons, William C., Jr., and Weyer; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine Lewis; a brother, Charles; and a grandson, William C. Handy III.

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vention, the states of their residence, their status as pastors, the number of churches they represent, or the size of the memberships of their churches.

He denies that they represent or are authorized to represent the memberships of their churches, state conventions or boards in the filing of the suit.

CONVENTION ASSETS

He admits that the Convention has assets of over \$3,000,000 (three million) and jurisdiction over \$4,500,000 (four million five hundred thousand) members and 25,000 (twenty-five thousand) churches in the United States and its territories.

He denies that the petitioners have any proprietary interest in the supervision, management or control of the Convention greater than that of other members — in good standing, except as they are the duly elected or appointed officers of the Convention.

He denies that he has unlawfully removed from office:

1. The Rev. L. K. Jackson, pastor of St. Paul Baptist church in Gary, Indiana, as a member of the Divisional Board of Directors of the National Council of Churches in Christ and as a representative of the Convention.

2. The Rev. J. Carl Mitchell, pastor of 18th Street Baptist church, Huntington, W. Va., as a member of the Enrollment Committee of the Convention. Rev. Mitchell is a member of the Baptist Training Union of the Convention.

3. The Rev. S. A. Owen, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist church, Memphis, Tenn., as vice president at large of the Convention, receiving a yearly salary of \$350.

4. The Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, pastor of Mt. Olive Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, as chairman of the Foreign Mission Board.

5. The Rev. Roland Smith pastor of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, from the salaried position of secretary of the National Baptist Training Union.

OTHER PETITIONERS

These five ministers along with the Rev. M. Borders are petitioners in the case. The other petitioners are Rev. T. M. Chambers, Zion Hill Baptist Church, Los Angeles; J. F. Green, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Detroit; E. E. Hollins, Greater Magnolia Baptist Church, Bastrop, La., and Rev. E. C. Smith, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington.

Dr. Jackson also denies that he was in any way responsible for the alleged inability of the Rev. Mr. Chambers to run for the presidency of the Convention.

He himself was the voluntary choice of the overwhelming majority of the members of the Convention, Dr. Jackson asserts.

THE TECHNICALITY

He denies that the Convention



HAIR STYLE DEMONSTRATION — Operators from several beauty establishments were present at the Fashionaire salon recently to watch a demonstration performed by

the hair stylist, Walter Spinks. Observing the procedure, standing from left, are Mrs. Thelma Whitlow, Miss Mary L. Ingram, Mrs. Loyce Bryant, Mrs. Luella R. Lawrence, Mrs.

Mattie Pearl Pink, Miss Isetta Bailey, Mrs. Protia Jones, and Mrs. Clara Bledsoe. Seated at left are Mrs. George Anna Locke and Mrs. A. H. Ragland.

Playgrounds

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Dirle Homes Tenant Association, will be Miss Joan Bramlett and James Boone.

At the Douglas playground, James Swearingen and Miss Barbara Jean Bell will be leading out in the program to be co-sponsored by the Douglas Civic club.

The Foote Homes Tenant association will be the co-sponsor of the party to be given at the playground there. Mrs. Elaine Campbell and Rodell Boyd will be in charge.

At the Grant playground, the party sponsored by the Grant School P-TA will be supervised by George Warren and Miss Jessie Merriweather.

LEMOYNE GARDENS

In charge of the Easter affair at LeMoyné Gardens will be George Clark and Miss Bettye Hunter. Joining with the Memphis Recreation department in sponsoring the event for the children will be the LeMoyné Garden Tenant Association.

At the party at the Magnolia playground, co-sponsored by the Magnolia School PTA, Lubra Chambers and Miss Edna Washington will be in charge.

At the Orange Mound playground, Mrs. Annie M. Green and Hosea Alexander will be in charge of the party for the children in that area. It will be co-sponsored by the Orange Mound Civic club.

In charge of the overall program will be W. T. McDaniel and E. T. Hunt.

Refuse

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a Christian in the name of God, and I would like for every member to know that we have not filed a suit against the church.

"The church has not been indicted, for there is no judge or lawyer who can bring a suit against the church."

Before the argument could continue, a member of the church made a motion requesting that the service be dismissed and that the matter be discussed at another time. It was carried.

FILED LAST NOVEMBER

In the suit, filed in Shelby County Court last November, Edmonds, Peoples and Stone, charge that the minister had defamed them on Oct. 4, when he told a church gathering that the three of them had "attacked me, and my life is in danger."

When informed of the pending trial, Rev. Ferguson said that the men, who at the time were trustees and deacons in the church, had come to his office and demanded that he call a church meeting, but that he refused to do so because it would have been against church law.

The trio charged that their dismissal from the church where they had been active for so many years, without the benefit of a church trial served to discredit them in the eyes of the community, and left them open to ridicule and contempt.

validly adopted a tenure provision. He says the tenure proposal was acted on on the third day of the 1952 Convention. The constitution provides that amendments must be considered not later than the second day.

At the Louisville session last year, Dr. Jackson ruled that the tenure provision was a nullity. His ruling was followed by a suspension of the Convention rules and his reelection by acclamation.

His opponents contend that the tenure provision was in effect and barred him from running for reelection. The tenure provision restricted the president from serving more than four successive terms of one year each.

Dr. Jackson's fourth successive term ended at Louisville.

Dr. Jackson charges that what even bedlam and violence occurred at Louisville was caused by the petitioners and their agents.

Forrest City & Madison Briefs

The Lincoln High school gymnasium was almost filled to its capacity when the music department presented its Annual Variety show entitled, "Big Broadway of 1958."

The program included dancing choruses, humorous pantomimes, Puerto Rican mambos, bongos from the Tropics, as well as vocal and instrumental numbers.

The band was at its best, and it kept all, both young and old, swaying to the Pop tunes that seem to be here to stay.

J. E. Isom and Miss Charlene Warren, along with a host of students representing the music department were the producers of the program.

The Semper Fidelis club held its annual Palm Sunday services at the St. Luke AME church under the auspices of the Ladies Relief Club. Mrs. Myrtle Williams, of Little Rock, Ark., and state president of the Arkansas Association of Colored Women, was the guest speaker.

Mrs. C. T. Williams, treasurer

of the club introduced the speaker, and music was rendered by the Thelma Burke guild, and Iris Lucille Clark, a member of the Jewettes. Both organizations are sponsored by the Semper Fidelis club, who also sponsors the Jewels; all are junior clubs.

The teachers of St. Francis county, along with the teachers from other counties in District Five journeyed to Marianna, Ark., for the Annual Day District Meet. The theme of the meeting was "Our Future Goes to School Today."

The meeting was considered profitable as well as enjoyable. C. T. Cobb is president of the District Five association. Mrs. C. E. Allen and Mrs. Oula Allen are still patients at the Roy hospital. We wish them a

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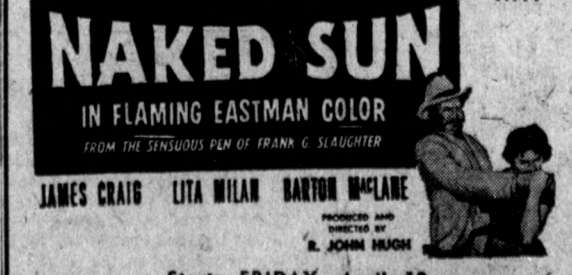
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"Life Story of Memphis' own W. C. Handy"

NAT "King" COLE STARRING PEARL BAILEY EARTHA KITT



MEMPHIS PREMIERE—The film, "St. Louis Blues," a biography of the late W. C. Handy will have its premiere in Memphis at the New Daisy theatre on Beale Street, not far from where the famed composer wrote the song that

made him famous, on Thursday, April 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The premiere is being sponsored by Alpha Delta chapter of Alpha Gamma Chi sorority, a group of business women, for the benefit

of the athletic departments of Memphis high schools. In top photo are Nat "King" Cole, who plays Handy as a young man, and Ruby Dee, young Handy's sweetheart, Elizabeth. In bottom photo are Cab Cal-

loway, who plays the part of Blade, and Eartha Kitt, the Gogo Germaine of the film. The 84-year-old Handy, whose music sent the name of Memphis ringing around the world, died early Friday morning in a New York hospital.

This week the campus is sprinkled with activities. Miss Mary-Rose Rogers was featured in a Talent Hunt contest sponsored by the Omega Psi Phi fraternity at Lane college. Miss Rodgers, a sophomore, won first prize, which consisted of \$25 and a chance to represent the same fraternity in Memphis, Tenn., some time next month. Miss Bobbie Brown, a senior, was also a participant.

The intramural basketball tournament started Tuesday night of this week. Grades 7-12 are participating in this tournament. The present results: Boys-grade 9 defeated Grade 11, grade 10 defeated grade 8, and grade 11 defeated grade 12: Girls - grade 7 won in competition with grade 8, and vivid, highly sensitive senseness of school spirit preceded the final games which will reveal the champions of the school.

The N. H. A.'ers are sponsoring a vivid, highly-sensitive tenseness on the night of March 28. Everyone is cordially invited.

The junior class is sponsoring a Campus Carnival Thursday night, April 3. There will be many games played by everyone. Afterwards we will present "Fats Smith's Review." He is a popular pianist, who will star in this review. Sharing the bill will be Joe Huddleston - singer, and two groups, the Four Disks, and the Murals. Other extra added attractions are scheduled.

The senior class and its advisor, Mrs. Josie Anderson, gave a favorable report concerning the enthusiasm of the attendants and the hospitality of Lane college during the college's "Career Day" for high school students.

Can Register Now For Girl Scouts' Camp

Registration for girls between ages of 7 and 17 who wish to attend the Girl Scouts' Raleigh Day camp in June is now in progress and parents who wish to send their children there for the two-week session must have their children registered by May 1.

The fee for registration is five dollars, and it will take care of material used in classes, and for milk and food for two cook-outs, as well as camping equipment.

The fee should be mailed to the Girl Scouts' office at 1556 Poplar ave.

Neighborhoods sponsoring the Day camp include Lester, Vollen-tine, Douglas, Hyde Park, Caldwell and Raleigh-Millington.

BEAUTIFUL AREA

The girls will be placed in units according to their ages, supervised by adult leaders. Children between the ages of 7 and 9 will be placed in the Brownie unit, and will be taught nature crafts, simple camping skills, hiking and dramatics.



THE HORSEMEN CLUB sponsored a banquet at Tony's lun during the past week. The evening was a memorable one of business and pleasure. Floyd S. Newman, business manager of the club, as praised during the dinner for his loyal and devoted service. There persons received

prizes: Arnett Lee and Prof. Howard Sims, winners in the 1st and 2nd O. Swingler, the lucky ticket winner of the evening. Among those in photo are: Eugene Hbler, president of the club; Mr. Lee, vice president; Mr. Newman; Taylor Ward, secretary; D. H. Hegler, assistant secretary, Mr. Swingler, Mr. Sims, R. C.

Wright, H. F. Patton, Clinton Jones, B. L. Watson, Fred Givens and D. P. Newbern L. Alex Wilson, guest, is shown in background. Members not present were H. Fletcher, C. Alston, H. Meadows, R. L. Turner, I. Jones, W. H. Crawford, A. Baldrige and P. Joyner.

Tranquilizers Subject Of Lecture At Fisk

NASHVILLE — Tranquilizing drugs have brought hope to the mentally ill for the first time in the recorded history of man.

With this evaluation of tranquilizers, Dr. Calvin A. VanderWerf, noted scientist and professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas, keynoted his delivery of the Thomas W. Talley lecture at Fisk university last week.

Explaining that these drugs can be classified into subgroups on the basis of their effect or their derivation, Dr. VanderWerf listed the types as rauwolfia, phenothiazine, propandiol, and disphenyl methane.

Pointing out that the tranquilizing drugs do not cure, he explained that they simply relieve symptoms to the point where the patient is more capable of responding to treatment. The mechanism of these drugs, he said, is not fully known, but it is theorized that they work by either enhancing or backing the production of

natural drugs already present in the brain.

"The Thomas W. Talley lecture this year was especially significant to Fisk science students, because many of them are engaged in research in the area of tranquilizers. The lecture, held at least once annually, is presented in honor of the man who laid the plans for the department of chemistry as it now exists at Fisk.

Both nationally and internationally known scientists are presented in the series.

Dr. VanderWerf was on the Fisk campus for three days, and lectured at several classes and seminars. He conducted both formal and informal discussions with the students as part of the visiting scientists program of the American Chemistry Society.



EDITOR RECEIVES AWARD

— The Fifth Annual Convention and Marketing Clinic of the National Association of Market Developers, Inc., was held recently on the campus of Tennessee A and I State university. William O. Walker, right, editor of the Cleveland Call and Post, is shown receiving the "Billboard Jack-

son Award for outstanding achievements in the field of marketing and advertising from Moss Kendrick, founder of the NAMD. Looking on in the rear are A. C. Williams, of Memphis, WDIA promotion consultant, and Joseph Albright, director of public relations for the McHarry Medical college at Nashville.

WEST MEMPHIS NEWS

By TOMMY PARKER

The Church of God in Christ, 15th st., celebrated its homecoming and financial drive last Sunday. The program included a reading, solos and an address. Several churches were invited. Elder Smith, pastor.

The Mt. Moriah M. B. church of 239 S. Orleans st., Memphis, No. 1 Singing choir held its Spring Tea in the church cafeteria Sunday, March 23, using green and yellow as a color scheme. Rev. H. B. Brunson is pastor.

Mrs. Mattie Clark, of 433 S. 14th st., left for Panama City, Fla., March 31, to visit friends, Mr. and Mrs. Colson.

Mrs. Maggie Willis of 300 S. 11th st., had as her enjoyable past her daughter, Mrs. Emma Thomas, from Chicago, Ill.

The beautiful home of Rev. and Mrs. Abernathy, was the setting for the wedding on March 23, of Miss Fannie Lee Bailey and Willie James Duncan. Rev. J. W. Fairman officiated. The bride wore a white gown of nylon marquisette net enhanced with lace. She carried a bouquet of white and red carnations.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Joe Della Roberson, who resides at S. 11th st., was held Monday at the Southern Funeral home, Memphis. Mrs. Roberson passed March 17, at the Crittenden Memorial hospital. She leaves a brother, Walter Withers, of Cleveland, Ohio, and other relatives and friends. Interment in Paradise garden cemetery.

The funeral of the late Willie Oliver, of Chicago, Ill., was held

Sunday at the Liberty M. B. church, Roe, Ark. Mr. Toliver leaves four daughters: Mrs. Leola Owens, of Casco, Ark.; Mrs. Loline Harris, Mrs. Gladis Banks, of West Memphis, Ark.; Mrs. Helen King, of Danville, Ill.; L. D. Toliver and Tommy Toliver, of Stuttgart, Ark. Interment was in Church cemetery Stuttgart Funeral home in charge.

The N H A met last Wed. in the home economics department. The NHA will attend the state New Homemakers of America meeting in Little Rock, Ark., April 12, April 17-20 we will celebrate National NHA Week drive. All members of the NHA will wear navy skirts and white blouses.

Joe Shelton of 218 S. 12th st. has returned home from Chicago, Ill. Mr. Shelton was visiting relatives and friends.

2,000 Teachers To Attend Meet In Nashville

NASHVILLE — Howard university's secretary, Dr. James M. Nabrit, jr., will keynote the annual convention of the Tennessee Education Congress set for April 10-11 at Tennessee State university.

Dr. Nabrit, also professor of law at the university, will address the more than 2,000 teachers at their Friday morning general session, along with Mrs. Arnette G. Wallace of Knoxville and Chicago, who is president of the congress. According to TEC Executive Secretary George W. Brooks, prin-

Atty. Estes Speaker At Lane Career Confab

(See Photo layout Page 9)

Atty James F. Estes, of Memphis, was the guest speaker last week when the Sixth Annual Career conference for high school and college students was held on the campus of Lane college at Jackson.

The theme for this year's conference was "A Planned Career in a New Age," and after a meeting in the chapel, at which W. E. Jackson presided, students met with approximately 72 experienced counselors.

Atty. Estes spoke on the subject, "Gathering the Fragments," during a morning session, and a sharing session in the afternoon gave the students an opportunity to hear the highlights discussed in other areas.

At 3:00 p.m. a concert was given by the Lane college band, and a retreat held at Hamlett Hall for Atty. Estes.

On the following day, March 25, 650 high school students from West Tennessee arrived on the campus and registered for the conference.

Present on the campus were consultants for science, commerce and business, social science, government physical and professional education, library science, and other areas.

A band concert will be given before the session by Nashville's city bands under the direction of Andrew Goodrich, John C. Reed, J. D. Chavis and Leonard Morton.

GRAPEFRUIT HISTORY — Miami—The Spaniards brought the grapefruit to Florida in the 16th century.

home economics, the humanities, foreign languages, music, professional modeling and cosmetology, and religion.

In charge of the program as chairman was Mrs. Essie M. Perry, assisted by Eugene Pillow and Henry Joiner as secretaries. Mrs. Maxine Bradley was in charge of publicity for the conference.

During the early hours of Easter Sunday morning, all eyes will be focused on the fashions being paraded up and down the streets and avenues of our city, and being displayed in our many houses of worship.

Many thousands of dollars will have been expended for new dresses, shoes, suits and hats to celebrate the resurrection of the Saviour. That is in keeping with the customs which have been handed down for centuries.

But come dinnertime, the members of the family will be far more interested in what bird or beast has been prepared for a parade to the dinner table.

Big Star is also interested in what's to be had for dinner on Easter, and along with its suggestions, it is also offering some splendid bargains for the feast. Mayrose ham can be purchased for 49 cents a pound, and for those

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A & I Prof. Writes Book On Bishop Lane's Life

NASHVILLE — A 238 page biography of Bishop Isaac Lane has been written by Horace C. Savage, associate professor of history at Tennessee A and I State university. Entitled "The Life and Times of Bishop Isaac Lane," it will be released during the first of May.

Commenting on an advance copy of the book, Seale Johnson, a member of the Tennessee Historical Society's aid, "Prof. Savage has done a splendid job of research, and his work will be a valuable contribution in the South."

Six chapters of the biographical work cover the long history of the CME church, while focusing attention on the educational work of Bishop Lane and his colleagues. B. P. Murchison, editor of the Christian Index, said that "The Life and Times of Bishop Lane"

is a brilliant history of the church, and that it is clear and concise in the interpretation of persons and events.

History specialist Savage received both his bachelor of science and his master of arts degrees from New York university. A member of the Tennessee A and I State university faculty since 1952, he has taught at Lane college in Jackson and at St. Marc in the Republic of Haiti.

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THE Pulpit SPEAKS

REV. C. THOMAS PAIGE

Continuing our general theme: "Jesus and Human Behavior" we find ourselves this week dealing with Jesus and His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As recorded in the 11th chapter of Mark we find Jesus entering Jerusalem amidst the great hosannas and the palm waving of the masses.

Long this misinformed and over-ambitious mass had looked for a king who was going to set up an earthly kingdom and give some of them choice places around the time Jesus could have proclaimed Himself king and had the world at His feet. How many of us had we been in the place of Jesus would have used this as an opportunity to make hay for ourselves.

But we were not Jesus and acting from the human element we would have used this for the time to advance our own selfish aims and goals.

But Jesus had to look beyond and forward to the overall program of His mission. What terrible things men acting on the human level can do in an hour of so-called triumph!

A man throws a no-hit-no-run game and in a few minutes goes out and makes a fool of himself. Another man runs for a touchdown and so conducts himself that he is placed on the bench for the rest of the season. History has a peculiar way of dealing with us when we live, move, and act on the human level. But how tragic it is when men have no other motive than to use an hour of victory for the advancement of themselves!

CLEAN HOUSE OF GOD

It would have been tragic if this story had ended here but it keeps on and we see Jesus going into the temple and there seeing men dissipating from its designed purpose and then he speaks up and admonishes them to clean the house of God and make it the house that it should be. It was at this point that Jesus stirred the wrath of the higher ups in the society and this was the beginning of the end as far as many were concerned. In spite of the many successes Jesus never lost sight that His mission here was a matter of establishing the kingdom of God in the hearts of men. Jesus fully realized that this was no time for Him to set Himself up as a king but rather to act on the level of a spiritual mission that He had come here to do.

How often it is that we forget

our real mission and allow ourselves to be drawn out of the tangents of life. How grateful we should be today that Jesus was not drawn off on the tangents of life but rather chose to remain on the main thoroughfare. The world is in the condition that we find it today because far too many people have allowed themselves to be drawn from the main highways during hours of supposedly victory to dwell on the back streets and alleys.

This is in keeping with the human activities but the man who keeps before himself the real mission of life is able to be ever mindful of the mission before him and go on to achieve that.

KEEP DOING

We cannot afford to let today's applause make us forget the basic concerns of our mission. A man who plays baseball can't let one home run in one game go to his head when there are many more games on the schedule that need someone to hit home runs, the man who plays football can't let one touchdown go to his head to the extent that he is going to rest on his laurels from then on, the preacher who preaches one good sermon and gets three or four converts can't stop there when there are 52 Sundays in the year and many people who need to be converted, and the doctor who miraculously cures one patient can't let the fame and glory erase from his mind that there are millions of people who need his knowledge to cure them.

How often it is that we forget

Cross Temple Built On Faith Of Congregation

By DARCY DEMILLE — The Church of God in Christ, more than a hundred. From a store front church at 652 E. 43rd st., to a building located wherever the location, has been a DUAL JOB FOR PASTOR. During this period, the pastor



A MUSICAL FAMILY — the Pastor's son (seated at the organ left to right) Nathan Cross, his daughter Beatrice Cross Dickerson, and his son Melvin Cross, his wife, Priscilla Cross, serve as church organist, pianist, and director of the Special Chorus. Seated next to Mrs. Cross is Hallie White. Seated in the second row are: left to right, Georgia Drain, Betty Thomas, and Jennie Gibson. Seated in the first row left to right are: Mollie Kennedy and Sophia O. Littlejohn, active church members.

had double duty. He was the superintendent of the New Jerusalem district of the Churches of God in Christ organization.

He had 10 churches in his dis-



SENIOR CHORUS of Cross Temple Church. (Left to right, front row) Sisters: Thomas, Morris, Shields, Cross, McBride and Williams. Seated in motto: In God We Trust.

Elder Moses Cross opened up a mission on 43rd st., borrowing the money for the first month's rent. The father of nine children, he soon found it hard to keep up the rent on his apartment and the rent on the church.

CHURCH 'REAL' HOME He couldn't keep both places. He talked it over with his wife, and a right away she packed their belongings.

Priscilla Cross got busy with drapery material and curtained off rooms for her family so they could live in back of the church. They lived there 16 months.

On Friday May 23, 1941, the young minister from Lexington, Miss., held his first church service. Thirteen people — Gertrude Wilson Favors, Pearlina Wilson, Nola Jones, Mrs. Cross and the children — attended the meeting.

BUY BUILDING Members of Cross Temple consisted of 10 members — his wife and the children. Later, Gertrude Wilson Favors joined the church, becoming one of the first "non-family" members.

Through an everlasting faith in God, the membership continued to grow — and grow. On October 1, 1944, the members of Cross Temple moved into their second home.

The second church home, located at 652 E. 40th st., was an old factory, but the small congregation could meet the price, and they were delighted to fix over the place.

They remodeled the building by E. L. Pender, of the Booker T. Washington High school's music department, will provide the music.

Holy Week services will be concluded with the sacrament of the Holy Communion on Easter morning, and it will be administered by Chaplain Thigpen.

The services on week days start at 1:30 and continue until 2:15 p. m.

Los Angeles—Oranges are the most popular of the fresh fruits for city families with bananas ranking second and apples third. Peaches are well ahead as most popular of the canned fruits.

She was a student of Saints Industrial school from 1923 to 1927 and became a member of Elder P. R. Favors' church where she served for 14 years. She was secretary of the Sunday school for three years, and pantry lady for seven.

She married Moses Cross in 1928, Pastor Favors performing the ceremony. Twelve children were born of the union, seven boys and five girls.

CHURCH-FAMILY PROJECT

Eleven of them are alive today, and all are members of the church. Seven of the Cross children are musicians. All except one can play a musical instrument.

The pastor's wife serves the church in many ways. She is president of the District Ministers Wives Alliance, vice president of the State Ministers Wives Alliance, she is also one of the church mothers, and manager and organist of the Special Chorus.

PROGRESS NOTED

As the church continued to prosper, the pastor's duties became heavier. In 1935, he was elevated to the Assistant Overseership of the Central Illinois district.

The members of the church were growing in stature too. More than 200 packed the church every Sunday. They bought a vibrato Hammond organ, and a courtesy car to carry the aged and the very young to and from church.

FORM CHURCH CLUBS

The church now had a deaconess and sewing circle, a special chorus, a missionary board, Usher board, Senior Choir, Gospel chorus, and a Deacon board.

With a little money, and a lot of faith, the congregation decided it was time to find a new church home.

In May, 1937, they purchased the four-story structure on Wentworth — the cost \$75,000. FROM \$8,000 TO \$75,000

The new church has a main auditorium with a seating capacity of 300. Also on the main floor, is a lounge which often accommodates the overflow of children who attend Sunday school.

A banquet hall which is rented out to private church groups also doubles as a dining room. This dining room will soon be open to the public.

The second floor houses the caretaker's family. The third floor has a huge hall that seats up to 250 people. Wall to wall carpeting lines the floors, and the mammoth organ, and the piano make this hall ideal for private meetings and confabs.

PLAN FOR FUTURE

Moses Cross is a man with foresight. When it was decided that 1927. She came to Chicago in Cross Temple needed a new home, Pastor Cross didn't want just a church. He wanted a building that would serve the community as well as the church members after church services.

He had this in mind when he negotiated to buy the Masonic temple — a structure designed to serve more than one purpose.

Plans are underway to convert the spacious upper floors into a youth center and a public library. Pastor Cross also hopes that one day space might be provided to

Church Notes

by HATTIE HOUSE

ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST An outstanding performance of "The Robe of Galilee" was given at the St. Stephen Baptist church, Sunday. The presentation was based on scenes from "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas. John McGreevy wrote the adaptation.

The memorable Easter play was presented by the Renaissance club of the church.

Rev. O. C. Criven is the minister.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST

With the theme, "That they all may be one," Laymen Unity Period will get underway at the Antioch Baptist church, Sunday, April 13. Highlighting the celebration will be a forum and a sermon.

A well-qualified panel, Charles Randle, Bennie Howard, Jean Williams, Mrs. Geraldine Shaw and Willis Hayes, will discuss the topic "Seven Essentials to Good Laymen." Mr. N. Booker will act as moderator of the forum.

The sermon for the day will act as moderator of the forum.

The sermon for the day will be

accommodate the aged in the church building.

The banquet hall is used for wedding receptions as well as family get-togethers. The dining room operates every night and plans to have a public dining room around the clock is now underway.

Today, Cross Temple church of God in Christ has a membership of over 250. The church contributes yearly to the Home and Foreign Mission board which supports churches and schools in Africa and Haiti.

One of the first members of the church, Mrs. Jennie Gibson, 76, who has been a member of the church 16 years attends church regularly with her daughter, Georgia Mae Ward, her granddaughter Ida Belle Dixon, and her great-granddaughter, Barbara.

YOUNGEST MEMBER

Five month Mondell Thompson, the son of Samuel and Betty Thompson is one of the youngest members of Cross Church.

Pastor Cross has performed more than 100 marriage ceremonies since he started the church.

Many of the young people in the church grow up together, marry and raise their children in the church. The Sunday school department has more than 60 youngsters on its roll.

In 17 years indeed faith and a lot of prayer has brought the members a long, long way. They have proved again and again that there is strength in their church motto: In God We Trust.

Force Ordered

Washington—Presidents of the U. S. have used armed forces abroad at least 76 times without congressional sanction.

Rev. S. A. Owen is the pastor.

METROPOLITAN BAPTIST

The Jackson College Choir, Miss., gave an excellent performance at the Metropolitan Baptist church Sunday.

Quite a number of Memphians turned out to hear the well-trained voices of this group.

Rev. S. A. Owen is the pastor.



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Local Ministers Aiding In Holy Week Services

Four ministers from the Memphis area, and musical organizations from three high schools, a church, and a college are assisting Chaplain L. A. Thigpen in Holy week services now in progress at the Kennedy VA hospital.

The services began on Palm Sunday with a sermon by Chaplain Thigpen entitled, "Interpreting What We See." Music for the occasion was furnished by the Mt. Pisagah CME choir.

Rev. A. McSwen Williams, pastor of the St. John Baptist church, and the Douglas High school glee club were the participants in the Monday afternoon services, which began at 1:30 p. m. The minister's sermon was entitled, "The Day of Authority."

A retired minister, Dr. J. W. Golden was the Tuesday afternoon speaker, and his subject was, "The Cleansing of the Temple." Special music was provided by the students from Manassas High school.

The Wednesday services, which were entirely musical, was furnished by the Rust college choir, of Holly Springs, Miss., and was entitled, "The Day of Silence."

Thursday's speaker will be Rev. Hugh Kelso, pastor of the Brunswick Presbyterian church, whose sermon is "Maundy Thursday." He will be assisted in the service by members of the Booker T. Washington glee club.

Rev. H. C. Nabrit, pastor of First Baptist church, Lauderdale, will be the speaker on Friday, and a special ensemble, directed

by E. L. Pender, of the Booker T. Washington High school's music department, will provide the music.

Holy Week services will be concluded with the sacrament of the Holy Communion on Easter morning, and it will be administered by Chaplain Thigpen.

The services on week days start at 1:30 and continue until 2:15 p. m.

Los Angeles—Oranges are the most popular of the fresh fruits for city families with bananas ranking second and apples third. Peaches are well ahead as most popular of the canned fruits.

CINCINNATI, OHIO

Resolutions From Ladies' Auxiliary 106

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty to call from labor to rest sister Evis S. Robinson, who departed this life January 30, 1958. Sister Robinson was a loyal member and all the way did all she could when called upon. Also served as President for the auxiliary 23 years. We have lost one that will be missed by all. We love her but God loved her best.

To the family and friends, think of her as being safely home.

"I am home in Heaven, dear one. Oh! So happy and so bright. There is Perfect Day and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over. Every restless tossing passed. I am now at peace forever safely home in Heaven at last. Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly—still. Try to look beyond Earth's Shadows. Pray to trust our Father's will."

PEACE BE TO SISTER ROBINSON — SLEEP ON

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Dear Carlotta:

Both my wife and I work, and we have a care, and time she carried on, and time she took care of the children.

Now I am better, and am able to carry on for myself, but she continues to work what seems like 24 hours a day, and devotes hardly a minute to herself. She could sleep while one of the waitresses work, but she has to be out there supervising.

I have offered to cook for the children, but she insists that they are better fed when she does it herself. Between the times that she waits on customers, she makes the beds and cleans the house.

She says that she actually enjoys it. I am afraid that she is going to collapse. What can I do to make her slow down? Husband. Dear Husband:

It is too bad that your wife cannot bottle up some of that energy and sell it. But you are fighting a losing battle if you think that you can talk her into taking it easy. She is a compulsive worker, and this drive of hers is an old, old story.

Many people are able to go on like that for years. In business circles it is called "executivitis." These people are often as strong as horses, and have a very "jazzy" metabolism. Nevertheless, they are mere humans, and not machines. Usually it takes the help of a professional to get such persons to slow down before they "strip their gears." Good luck though, Carlotta.

House Votes \$750,000 For New Rights Unit

WASHINGTON — (INS) — The House voted 272 to 98 yesterday to give President Eisenhower's Civil Rights Commission \$750,000 to spend in the coming fiscal year.

A handful of Republicans joined Southern Democrats in opposing the amendment to an appropriation measure providing 13 million 500 thousand dollars to pay President Eisenhower, run the White House, and operate his top administrative agencies.

The House then passed the 1959 fiscal year money bill by a voice vote and sent it to the Senate.

Pension Hikes

WASHINGTON — (INS) — The House has approved higher pensions for 310,000 retired Civil Service workers, their survivors and some former members of Congress.

The measure boosts the pensions 10 per cent up to 200 dollars for workers who retired before Oct. 1, 1956 with a limitation of \$4,104 on the amount any one person can receive.

The bill also includes a provision barring pensions to anyone earning more than \$1,200.



VISITING LECTURER — Conducting a chemistry seminar at Fisk University in Nashville is Dr. VanderWerf, noted scientist and professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas. Dr. VanderWerf was invited to the school to deliver the Thomas W. Talley lecture, as a visiting scientist of the American Chemistry Society. Students shown clockwise are Prince Rivers, of Savannah, Ga.; Arnette Counts, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Raymond Storey, of New York City; Helen Harris, of Tampa, Fla.; Carl Kirksey, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Brandford Giddings, Trinidad; and Lindsey Scott, of Rahway, N. J.

Seeks Return Of Bill That Threatens Rights

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — The House was requested Tuesday to return to the Senate the bill which would permit Federal agencies to restore to the states legislative jurisdiction now exercised by the Federal Government over land in the several states used for Federal purposes.

The request for the return of the bill was made after Senator Hubert Humphrey, Democrat, of Minnesota obtained unanimous consent Monday to enter a motion for reconsideration of the measure.

After the motion for reconsideration was entered, Humphrey then obtained unanimous consent that the House be requested to return the bill.

Humphrey had charge of the bill when it went through the Senate last March 3 without a roll-call vote.

Criticism of the bill reached Humphrey, a champion of civil rights, and he set in motion efforts to have the Senate reconsider the vote by which it was passed.

WHAT IT PROVIDES

The bill provides that the Federal Government shall not receive or retain any of the state's legislative jurisdiction with respect to qualifications for voting, education, public health and safety, taxation, marriage, divorce, annulment, adoption, commitment of the mentally incompetent, and descent and distribution of property which the states normally control.

It would authorize the head of any Federal agency to relinquish to the state in which any Federal lands or interests are situated and are under his control such measure of legislative jurisdiction over lands in interest as he may deem desirable.

The NAACP and other civil rights groups feared that return to the states of jurisdiction over Federal lands would remove from Federal jurisdiction the area in which the greatest progress has been made in the field of civil rights.

THIS FEARED

It was feared that Jim Crow states might attempt to enforce military reservations airports, racial segregation in schools on Veterans' Administration hospitals, facilities such as cafeterias, rest rooms and drinking fountains, and other discriminatory practices.

According to the latest estimates by the California dried prune industry, farmers will finish out the 1957-58 marketing season with more than 30 thousand tons of prunes on hand.

In past seasons, a carryover of 25 thousand tons was considered unfavorable to prices for the succeeding years crop, and with the present surplus, savings may be passed along to homemakers in the form of reasonable prices.

Other foods which the USDA says will be plentiful in April include canned pears, canned and frozen peas and corn, honey, milk and dairy products, and peanut butter.

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Honey production last year reached a record 242 million pounds, proving that bees were busier than ever in 1957, and increasing their output to 14 per cent over the 1956 crop.

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Shot Cleaning Gun

CHICAGO, Illinois — Pellets peppered Howard Brigham's right foot Saturday when a shotgun he was cleaning accidentally discharged in his home at 1955 W. Walnut st.

Elderly Woman Escapes Death By Fire Twice

A 56-year-old woman, who had spent a month at John Gaston hospital recovering from burns, was almost burned to death a second time last week, when fire originating in her 2-room apartment at 449 Beale st., rear, and destroyed an eight-room house.

The building was located in the rear of the Gorine College of Beauty Culture, and belonged to Madame Gold S. Young, the director of the school.

At the time the fire was discovered, about 25 women were in classes at the school. It was damaged by smoke and water.

Only two persons were living in the building in the rear. Another tenant in the building was Oscar Davis, 65, a pensioner, who said that he was washing, when suddenly the lights went out.

JUST OUT OF HOSPITAL

He said that he heard Mrs. Cora Fell, who not 24 hours before had been brought from the hospital, say something about calling the fire department, and he ran from the building with only a few of his possessions.

Located at 441-C Beale st., where she had taken refuge after calling the fire department, Mrs. Fell said that she was not sure how the fire had started. She said that she got up, took some medicine that had been given her at the hospital, lit a fire to warm some coffee, and went back to bed.

She said that she was awakened later by a blaze, and that she did not have time to put her shoes on before escaping from the building.

Mrs. Fell said that she did not remember how she received the burns for which she was hospitalized.

Madame Young said that she did not plan to have the house rebuilt. The house was insured.



URBAN RENEWAL CLINIC — Four of the speakers at the two-day clinic held recently on the campus of Tennessee A and I State university pictured here are Al Thompson, FHA Regional Race Relations officer; keynote speaker Joseph B. Graves, Jr., executive secretary of the National Committee of Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit program; Dr. W. S. Davis, president of Tennessee A and I State university; and Mayor Ben West, of Nashville. — (Photo by Clanton III)

Broilers And Fryers An Excellent Buy For April

Food shoppers in the Memphis area will find that it will pay to add broilers and fryers, along with dried prunes to their market lists for April, according to Leo W. Smith, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Food Distribution Division.

Supplies of broilers and fryers will likely increase faster than the demand, he said, and with production expected to be well above a year ago, food buyers should find chickens in these categories a top buy during April.

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Dr. Scott Gives Talk On Religion In Literature

Dr. Nathan Scott, Jr., was present at LeMoyne college in the fourth of a series on Religion in the Arts, and his subject was "Religion and Literature, the Nearness and Farness of God."

Dr. Scott developed his theme around three statements of the Deity: "You cannot see My Face and live;" "In many and various ways God spoke to the prophets;" but in these last days He has spoken unto us by His Son;" and "I will show them My back, and not My face."

These words, according to the speaker, point up an idea which is prevalent in the Judaic-Christian religious tradition which states that man cannot "know" God; that He hides himself; and that it is dangerous to attempt to search out the Divine Majesty.

However, he said, a contrary idea of the Christian religion is that God actually does reveal Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, and that Paul mentioned this in writing, "the spiritual invisibility of God was clothed in the flesh."

Dr. Scott said that it would appear that the two ideas are incompatible, but that they are necessary to a true understanding of the ordinances and orders of human life.

Since Christians, he said, believe that God does reveal Himself to man in part, they can look about them at life, and at the order of their culture for a clue to the spiritual meaning of life.

Many artists, he said, have attempted to search out the spiritual meaning of life, and it would appear that modern art has no spiritual significance, but merely reflects the emptiness, alarm, alienation, dereliction and estrangement of modern man.

T. S. Eliot, he said, described life today as a "vast wasteland" blighted and waiting for redemption.

He said that what seems a wasteland attests to the distance of God, and that this distance may be something that God actually wishes. Saint Augustine, he quoted, said, "The greatest glory is to find God in failing to find Him."

Set Funeral Rites For Norman Brown

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — (INS) — Funeral services for Norman Edgar Brown, 67, former sports editor and managing editor of the Central Press Association, in St. Petersburg Wednesday.

Brown died of a heart attack in St. Petersburg Monday.

He was public relations man for the St. Petersburg Kennel club at the time of his death.

90 Attend Housing Clinic At Nashville

By C. L. SMITH

NASHVILLE — This city's first annual urban renewal and housing clinic, held at Tennessee A and I State university campus, was completed last week as nearly 90 persons from key industries, federal, state and local housing agencies gathered to discuss the benefits of federal housing and urban renewal.

The 2-day clinic, co-sponsored by the university and the Nashville Davidson County Citizens Committee on Urban Renewal, opened with a keynote address by Joseph B. Graves, executive secretary of the National Committee of Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit Program, and a welcome address by Mayor Ben West of Nashville.

L. A. Dingley, a member of the Steering Committee for the clinic, and executive director of the co-sponsoring Council of Community Agencies, presided in the first panel discussion on the meaning of urban renewal and how it works. "Relocation Problems, Plans and Citizen Participation" was the topic for discussion during the second session. Harry A. Alston, Southern Field Director of the National Urban League in Atlanta, Ga. presided.

Dr. George W. Snowden, assistant to the Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration in Washington, D. C. was the speaker at the conference dinner session, at which the greetings of the university and the city were again extended by Dr. W. S. Davis, president of the school, and Sanders Angles, vice mayor of Nashville.

During the final morning session, Federal Housing directors from Louisville, Memphis, Knoxville, and other housing authorities discussed "FHA Programs of Assistance." Presiding at the meeting was A. L. Thompson, regional race relations officer for the Federal Housing Authority in Atlanta.

The plans for the clinic were directed by a 5-man steering committee composed of W. V. Harper, the school's coordinator of industrial relations; Lee Sanders, Nashville director of Urban Renewal; Mrs. James Todd, president of the Nashville Women's Forum; Mrs. Charles S. Johnson, and L. A. Dingley.

Mahalia Spurns Riches For 'God's Music' Only

By RUFUS BLAIR

HOLLYWOOD — Mahalia Jackson, the renowned gospel singer, who is heard in Paramount's "St. Louis Blues," easily could be one of the richest entertainers in the world, but she prefers the status and moderate comforts that come from singing "God's music."

Miss Jackson's immense repertoire is unique in that it is confined to spiritual songs and hymns of which she sings several in "St. Louis Blues," the dramatized life story of Composer W. C. Handy, who wrote sacred music as well as jazz tunes.

In a discussion of hymns and syncopated melodies, Miss Jackson said her attitude toward jazz and the blues is respectful but that she intends to remain firm in her devotion to gospel songs.

The gospel specialist recently reiterated her stand while surrounded on the Hollywood sound stage of "St. Louis Blues" by a virtual regiment of world-famous blues singers, including Nat "King" Cole, Eartha Kitt, Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald and Pearl Bailey, not to discount such first rate jazz instrumentalists as Barney Bigard, Teddy Buckner, Red Callender, Lee Young and George Washington, all of them heating up for the next scene in a Beale Street saloon with Ella Fitzgerald singing what else but "Beale Street Blues."

But Miss Jackson just relaxed there, rolund and beaming, amid a saturnalia of sound, not the least bit disturbed as long as they didn't ask her to join up.

The blues have long been a familiar idiom to her, but she feels "spiritually obliged to reject them" as something not for her.

"When I was a girl," she related, "I washed dishes, scrubbed floors and bent over washtubs just to keep my family alive while I devoted myself to gospel singing for small pieces of silver that came out of collection boxes in churches. I knew the blues, but while they may sound joyful and carefree to some people, I think there's despair in them."

"I sang God's music because it gave me hope. I still need the hope and happiness God's music brings. I find it a personal triumph over every handicap, a solution to every problem, and a path of peace."

Born in New Orleans, a citadel of jazz, Miss Jackson has been singing "God's music" on concert stages throughout the world during most of her adult life.

Although she has received countless offers based on the evidence that hers is the "greatest jazz voice since the incomparable Bessie Smith," she steadfastly declines to sing blues or syncopated melodies.



ENGAGED TO SOLDIER — The engagement of Miss Stella M. Wright to Pfc. James A. Williams of the U. S. Army was announced recently. The couple will be married on Sunday, June 1, at the Bethel AME church.

Announce Engagement Of Miss Stella M. Wright

The engagement of Miss Stella M. Wright to Pfc. James A. Williams, of the U. S. Army was made known here recently.

Miss Wright is the daughter of Mrs. Emma L. Wright, of 2024 Dianne circle, north, and Frank Wright, sr., of Cleveland, Ohio; and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paterson Shelby, of Grenada, Miss.

The bride-elect was, graduated from Melrose high school, and attended Tennessee A and I State university at Nashville.

Pfc. Williams was graduated from Booker T. Washington High school, and was a student at the Arkansas AM&N college at Pine Bluff, before attending Los Angeles State college in California.

He is a member of an army band at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

The couple will take their vows on Sunday, June 1, at the Bethel AME church here.

'Freedom' A Thing New From African Continent

By EDGAR T. STEWART

The African movie, "Freedom," recently shown at the Daisy theater recalls to my mind a Latin phrase that I read some years ago, "Semper quid novi et Africa," which means, "Always something new out of Africa."

That was spoken by an Ancient Roman. In late years it has seemed that there has been something new coming from every part of the world but Africa.

There are several reasons for this. First, the history of Africa was not written by Africans; second, it has largely been written subjectively, and not objectively; third, the confusing of facts with opinion; fourth, the inaccessibility of Africa; and fifth, the failure of Africans, with few exceptions, to keep records.

What the "Freedom" film offers is not new. It is the same advice given by Jesus Christ nearly two thousand years ago. However, the picture does offer a new approach, and is bringing it out when many world leaders seem to have forgotten it, or never believed it in the first place.

A big point that "Freedom" film makes is that it matters not WHO is right, but WHAT is right that counts.

Some things that came out of Africa, to name just a few, are:

the Rosetta Stone, iron smelting, iron chariots, the taming of the horse, the calendar, the drum, and the sending of messages by drum beats.

Some of the drawbacks though were life there was too easy there, (civilization makes very little progress where life is either too easy or too hard), the slave system, and frequent tribal wars.

Nobody knows the origin of the black man. Some historians think that Africa is the birthplace of the human race. Some think that it was Central Asia. A strong argument is that Africa is the home of the great anthropoids. One theory is that the black man originated in Ethiopia, which was much larger than it is now. It had civilized tribes. Some of them went up to what is now Egypt, and were molded into one nation by Menes, this was the first kingdom.

Arabs came across the Red Sea and united with them. The two civilizations made Egypt the most progressive nation on earth. Another group left Ethiopia and went into the jungle looking for the country of the gods.

They never came back, but degenerated into savagery. Thus one group left and founded the greatest civilization at that time, while other left and became barbarous.

A classmate of mine, who was recently in Africa, said that some of them are still going around in the earliest known "fashion." If you will note carefully, you will perceive that while Africans are putting on more clothing, the more advanced nations are taking off more. If this continues, somewhere along the line there will be unity.

Club Opens Season With Meet At Tony's

Mrs. Mary Louise Rogers was the hostess on the first day of Spring when the members of the Southern Belles Bridge club met at Tony's Inn for dinner and for bridge.

After a brief business session was held, with Mrs. Eleanor Currie presiding, delicious menu was served and enjoyed by the members.

Winners were Mrs. Theima Bush Moore, who took the first prize; Mrs. Charlyne Oates McGraw, who won the second; and Miss Louise O'Reilly, who received third.

Other members who were present and participated were Mrs. Katie Hudson, Mrs. Ollie Mitchell, Mrs. Mildred Oates Joseph, Mrs. Theima Evans, Mrs. Dorothy DeNellie, Miss Elizabeth Lewis, and Mrs. St. Elmo Hampton.

Ebony Club To Give Tea And Fashion Show

The members of the Ebony club met recently and completed plans for their Fashionette Tea to be held on Sunday, April 13, at the Foote Home auditorium from 4 to 7 p. m.

A delicious menu was served by Mrs. Nannie Mae Bynum, the hostess for the night; and after the meeting was officially adjourned a surprise birthday party was given for Mrs. Gladys Rankins, the club's president.

Frontiers To Hear J. Ernest Wilkins

J. Ernest Wilkins, assistant secretary of labor, will be the principal banquet speaker at the mid-west regional conference of the Frontiers of America, Inc. Saturday, April 19, at the Central YMCA, 915 W. Wisconsin ave. Wilkins is the first Negro to be appointed to a cabinet post in the federal government.

The Frontiers of America is a national organization with chapters in 35 states which seeks to harness the cooperative influence of the leaders of a minority group and to direct that influence towards the solution of major issues, racial, civic and social.

The Milwaukee Chapter was established in Jan., 1955 with the specific objectives of promoting higher standards of business, professional and social life, to develop intelligent, aggressive and positive leadership and to encourage attitudes of friendship and spiritual values leading to finer citizenship.

Approximately 20 delegates from the midwestern region, which comprises eight states, will open the two-day conference with the Saturday evening banquet meeting.

The workshop sessions on Sunday, April 20, will be held at the Central Y. Mayor Frank P. Zeidler will extend greetings to the conference along with other state and local public officials who have been invited.

Award W. S. Davis Prize At A&I Banquet

NASHVILLE — Some 300 Tennessee A and I State university alumni from 14 states are expected to be present for the first general alumni-sponsored banquet to be held at the school on Friday, April 11.

Harold M. Love, president of the General Alumni association has announced several features of the banquet of interest to alumni and the public at large who desire to participate in the banquet activities.

Highlighting the dinner will be the presentation of the W. S. Davis Award to the "Alumnus of the Year," based on achievement during 1957.

Dr. W. S. Davis, president of the university, was the school's first graduate on record to receive a doctorate, and to become the president of a college. The award has been named for him as the most distinguished alumnus of the school.

Also to be honored at the banquet will be that alumni club which has had the most progressive, productive, and outstanding program of benefit to the university and to the alumni of the city. Four students and outstanding faculty personalities will also be feted at the occasion.

Aside from Mr. Love, other officers of the association are Atty. Henry Headin, of Detroit; and Nashvilleans, Mrs. Ruby Prigmore Torrey, recording secretary; Miss Gladys Adams, corresponding secretary; and Clyde J. Kincaide, treasurer.

Words of the Wise

A good book is the purest essence of the human soul. —(Thomas Carlyle)

London Press Lauds Sugar Ray As Greatest

LONDON — (INS) — Sugar Ray Robinson's middleweight title victory over Carmen Basilio knocked virtually every other news story off the front pages of London newspapers yesterday.

The "Evening News" bannered: "Sugar Canes Him," and wrote that Robinson "has scaled the heights never achieved by any other fighter of his era."

The "Star" headlined: "Sugar Ray Is Champ Again," while the "Evening Standard" front-paged: "Sugar Ray Wins." The Standard added that "there has never been another like him surely in all the kaleidoscope history of the ring."

Robinson, 34, defeated Basilio, 35, by a unanimous decision in 10 rounds at Madison Square Garden, New York, last night.

Robinson, who is now a free fighter, was a member of the United States Marine Corps during World War II, and served in the Pacific.

He is now a resident of London, and has been training in the city since he arrived there last year.

Robinson is expected to fight again in the near future, and is being promoted as one of the best fighters in the world.

His victory over Basilio was a significant one, as it marked the first time a black fighter had won a world title in the United States.

Robinson's performance was praised by many boxing experts, who believed he was one of the best fighters of his era.

His victory was a major upset, as Basilio was considered one of the top middleweight fighters in the world.

Robinson's win was a testament to his skill and determination, and it was a source of pride for many in the black community.

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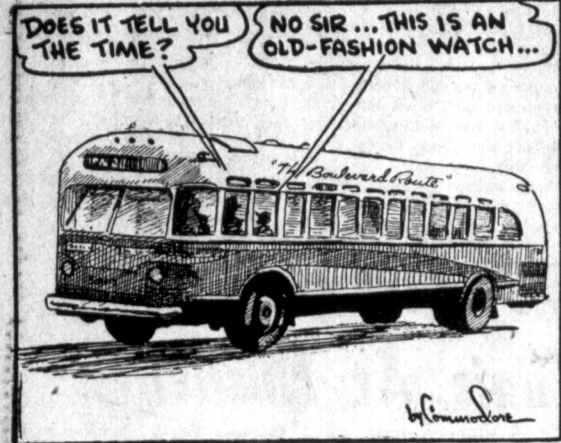
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Exclusive features



LOVELORN CORNER

Dear Mm. Chante: I am a young man of 24 who is interested in marriage. She will have to be very intelligent and above the ordinary woman of today. I won't mind if she has kids — for I never knew my father and my mother gave me away, so for this reason I will appreciate a young mother who has 'stuck with her children. I have a good job, a five room apartment with all modern furniture and a late model convertible. Color or nationality does not matter. I am brown skin, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 179 lbs., brown eyes, black hair, good teeth. I have one bad habit — modern jazz. Will answer all letters. Please send photo. Acusto Gonzales, 3349 E. 121st St., Cleveland 20, Ohio.



Dear Mm. Chante: I am a look my age at all. I am Baptist. I have brown skin, real nice features, weigh 140 lbs. Have been married and looking for a Christian man not over 40. If not interested in marriage, please do not write. I am not after pen pals at all. I am in grand health and he must be also. Miss Lucille Reed, 3341 Breckinridge Blvd., Detroit 8, Mich.

Dear Mm. Chante: I would like to correspond with a girl between 18 and 21 who doesn't have a fellow in her life at the present time, likes TV, radio, reading and movies and is interested in marriage. I am 21, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weigh 242 lbs. Marcell Watson, 1550 E. 64th St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mm. Chante: You have helped so many people through your wonderful column. I would like very much for you to help me. I am a lady 5 feet, 5 inches tall, middle aged, fair complexion, long black hair, dark brown eyes. I am interested in corresponding with male pen pals between 49 and 59. Would prefer that they be Christians. Please enclose photo in first letter. I will do likewise. Will give all necessary information in replying. Vera Johnson, General Delivery, Cullen, La.

Dear Mm. Chante: I am a very lonely young lady in the hospital who would like very much to receive letters from pen pals. Age does not matter. I am 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weigh 130 lbs. I promise to answer all letters. Sarah Louise Brown, PO Box 123, Alexander, Ark.

Dear Mm. Chante: I am a Christian lady of 40, but don't

Ravings of Prof. Doodle



BENJAMIN F. WILSON

How A Southern-Born Attorney Helped Bring Democracy To A Northern City

By ERNESTINE COFIELD

Women aren't the only ones that don't want to tell their ages. I found out recently while interviewing Benjamin F. Wilson, one of the few Negroes in the United States to head a city council. Laughing, the mingled grey-haired Gary, Ind., attorney dismissed the query with a joke about women's methods of hedging the question.

But about this one-year stint as president of the Council, Wilson talked freely. Theodore Berry of Cincinnati was appointed to head the City Council and not elected. Unanimously elected by members of the Council to serve as their head in 1956, Wilson could look back and see that Gary had come a long way since the 1945 strife torn days of integrating Froebel High school.

Members of the Council were also recognizing its senior mem-

ber since the attorney was beginning his third four year term working with the group.

Perhaps most significant was that Gary, would be celebrating the Golden Jubilee during September of 1956 and whoever headed the Council would represent the city at the function.

Gary had become of age and it was willing to place one of its major events in the hands of this mild mannered, soft spoken Negro.

Wilson was not new at the task of heading the nine man Council. He had served as vice president prior to his election as head.

While he headed the Council for one year, many public works were accomplished. Among them were the million dollar construction of the car ports and the dedication of Gilroy stadium, where the Golden Jubilee was held.



ATTY. BENJAMIN WILSON

The most far-reaching bill and the one that proved Gary was ready to start its second century on the right foot was the passing of the non-discrimination law. The law which covers practically every phase of life makes it unlawful to discriminate at hotels, beaches, cemeteries, housing, etc.

The city official, who had to sign all ordinances passed, represented Gary once when all of the top administrators were out of the city part of a day. Nothing exciting happened, though, he related.

One of the most important bills passed during Wilson's three terms in office was the Fair Employment Practice Act which he introduced in 1949. The bill opened up many avenues of employment, including city jobs.

Major appointment under the act were Alfonso Holliday as assistant fire chief and Bishop J. Claude Allen as the first Negro on the school board.

Now chairman of the powerful ordinance committee, Wilson lead the fight for the taxi-cab self-insurance amendment which would allow cabs to drop their policies with insurance companies and set up "pools" of \$15,000 each for payment of claims.

The amendment is aimed at helping the Negro owned Yellow cab company that has been unable to secure insurance. It was introduced to the council by Terry C. Gray, a Negro.

On the local level the dynamic attorney has also chaired the police and fire investigation committee. In 1944, Wilson was appointed chief of the Minority Groups Service, War Manpower commission in Washington, D. C. by the late Paul V. McNutt.

The seventh son and the eleventh child of the Benjamin F. Wilson, seniors, the Councilman was born and received his early education in Brinkley, Ark. He did his undergraduate work at Howard university and received his law degree from the Boston University School of Law in 1929.

While at Boston university, the young student was an honorary member of the Woolsack club, a law society, and assistant editor of the law school year book.

Well known in civic and social circles in Lake county, the genial

Georgia Farmer Joins Soil Bank To Reduce Surpluses

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Nearly 300,000 white and colored cotton and tobacco farmers have offered to put 3,188,145 "allotment" acres into the Acreage Reserve of the Soil Bank this year to help reduce price-depressing farm surpluses, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Among these farmers is Benjamin Cooney of Boston, Ga., who for the second time has put all his "allotment" cotton and tobacco acres into the Soil Bank, and is now concentrating on livestock.

Altogether, 661,519 farmers have offered 12,234,000 acres for the 1958 Acreage Reserve program; and 42,000 have signed up to put 2,715,000 acres into the Conservation Reserve. This is in addition to the 6,500,000 acres "banked" under the Conservation Reserve program in 1956 and '57.

A. S. Bacon, Georgia Supervisor of Negro extension work, says Mr. and Mrs. Cooney first put land in the Soil Bank last year, when they "banked" four acres of cotton land and two acres of tobacco land — all of their allotment of these crops.

RECEIVED PAYMENTS

They received rental payments to help them maintain their income while resuing the land from surplus production and letting it be restored for use when needed.

But they didn't rely on Soil Bank payments alone. They raised and sold 80 hogs, a half dozen calves, 3,000 watermelons, and seven tons of peanuts.

County Agent C. W. McIver says Cooney is growing into livestock the Cooneys believe in the Soil Bank Program, as well as other Aberdeen Angus cattle, including

two purebred bulls. Also he has five Duroc and Beltville No. 1 sows. His livestock is grazed in 60 acres of pastures and finished on 100 acres of corn.

"I plan to continue expanding my livestock and cutting back on cotton and tobacco," says Cooney. "I just don't have the help to handle these crops, and I don't intend to keep my children out of school."

FORMER CHICAGOAN, 84, KILLED IN HOT SPRINGS

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — (INS) — A 84-year-old man was killed yesterday when a gas explosion rocked and burned his house in Hot Springs.

The victim was identified as Eugene J. Moran, formerly of Chicago and a resident of Hot Springs for several years.

atty. has served on the board of directors of the Gary Urban League, president of the Gary Association, officer in the integrated Gary Bar association, former vice-president of the Gary Council of Churches, and city-wide co-chairman of the March of Dimes.

He is also a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Chamber of Commerce NAACP and the Frontiers. Last year Wilson was elected attorney for the National Baptist Conference, U. S. A., Inc., which represents about 4,500,000 members.

Wilson is also a member of the American Bar association, Indiana Bar association and National Bar association.

Prior to setting up practice in the steel city, 22 years ago, the attorney practiced in St. Louis. Among his clients was the fabulous Annie M. Malone, who founded Poro College, Inc. Not only was he her attorney but also her general manager for six years.

In religious life, the senior councilman is a member of the trustee board of First Baptist church.

Wilson still manages to be a spectator at sport events and to find time in his busy schedule to travel, his greatest pastime.

"I just love to motor," he exclaimed. "I just love to take long motor trips."

To prove it, he said he has traveled all over the United States. In fact, when Wilson and the former Fannie Buchanan. Shobe between 18 and 26 years of age, decided to marry, they flew to Mexico for the important part. Unusual as it may seem, the grey-haired attorney said he never had one unpleasant incident in all of his travels. The only place he has ever had an indication of discrimination was Helena, Montana, where Wilson and his wife stopped to make reservations for South Glacier Park.

Wilson's one son, John B. Wilson, who is now in army intelligence in California, plans to follow in his father's footsteps and will enter law school when he finishes his stint with Uncle Sam.

When Gary writes the history of its second hundred years, it can truthfully say that the found-hear from anyone over 48 years old doctrine of the Constitution of Box 638, Memphis, 1, Tenn.

IN NEW AFRICA

Slang In Ghana Eclipses Harlem's

By GEORGE F. McCRAE

ACCRA, Ghana — Frequently my African friends forget that despite my most obvious African ancestry, I have been on the continent only a few months and speak no African language, nor understand their most colorful slang and figures of speech.

Of course, this oversight lets me know that it would not be difficult for me or any Negro from Harlem, Chicago, or Pittsburgh for example, to go native and really feel at home.

So I am constantly pointing to my ear with my index finger giving the nationally recognized sign for "Sorry, I don't hear you."

SLANG TERMS

Here are some of the expressions my African friends have had to explain:

"KNOCKING ON THE DOOR." A man is doing this when he calls on the parents of a beloved, gives them presents, and informs them he is interested in marrying their daughter.

"LIVING IN A BUNGALOW." Applied to a woman being well kept by a wealthy African or European, usually the latter.

"ON SCHOLARSHIP." This is the status of a young man who is being helped through life by a generous usually elderly female benefactor.

"CHOPPING THE MONEY." Somebody is stealing the money of an organization; operating a racket.

"FOR DASH." A tip, gratis, "DASH ME." Give me a tip, a bribe, a gratuity.

"FINGER TIP GIRL." A respectable female who can be easily seduced.

"CHICKEN SOUP." Applied to young women with strong sex appeal.

LADY." Any literate female who wears shoes. Has obviously no relation to American morality, nor to British honors.

"BEEN TO." One who enjoys or thinks he should have preference in jobs because he has studied in England. The female version of this term is "BENTRESS."

"WOMANIZER." A woman chaser, an irredeemable wolf, howling all the time.

"BIG MAN." Any man entitled to special treatment because of apparent wealth or success.

"SMALL BOY." A male of any age who has no claim to respectability, a person of low social status. The SMALL SMALL BOY is the lowest of the low.

"MASTER." Any man who can afford or who seems to be able to afford a decent house with servants.

"TUTU." A double crossing twister, a cheat. A woman with several lovers.

"PEPEE." A pinchpenny, a tightwad, a chap who lets his friends buy all the drinks and who expects girls to amuse him for "Dash."

"A DRIVE-IT MYSELF." — Applied contemptuously to people who can afford motor cars, but will not let Africans earn money by driving them.

"I FINISH HER." One hears this from the cad who is describing his conquest of a woman desired by other men.

"A MOUF MOUF." A big talker, a big promiser, knows all the important people, can fix anything has plenty of money, but always lets the other fellow pay the taxi fare and food check.

"A HO HO." (The term has the 'ho' sound in 'who') This is a likeable fellow, good mixer, dresses in flashy American style, always putting on the big show, a phony.

"ONE RED." The color of a pound sterling note (\$2.80). A very long time ago, before independence, a very few traffic policemen used to tell motorists that this — that or the other violation was worth 1, 2, or 3 reds. He "chopped" the money.

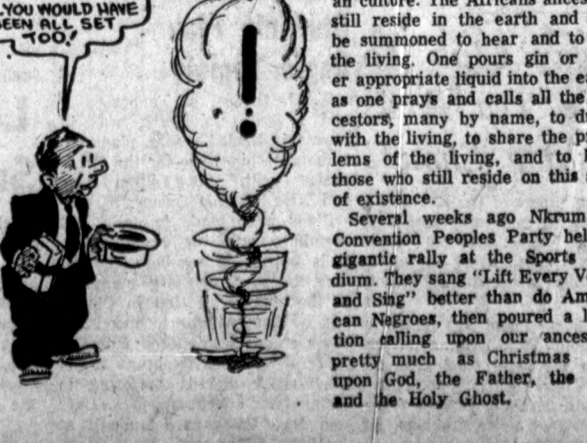
"ONE GREEN." A ten shilling note. Sometimes things were settled for one green and the motorist went his way.

"ONE BLUE." A five-pound note, blue in color and worth \$14. This was really big big chop.

"KOBOL." A wait, a wanderer, a minor without a responsible adult to keep him off the streets and out of mischief.

"POUR LIBATION." In Africa death does not have the finality it has among peoples of European culture. The Africans ancestors still reside in the earth and can be summoned to hear and to aid the living. One pours gin or other appropriate liquid into the earth as one prays and calls all the ancestors, many by name, to drink with the living, to share the problems of the living, and to help those who still reside on this side of existence.

Several weeks ago Nkrumah's Convention Peoples Party held a gigantic rally at the Sports Stadium. They sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" better than do American Negroes, then poured a libation calling upon our ancestors pretty much as Christmas call upon God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.



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Our Opinions

Faubus Talks Of In tegration

In the midst of an intensified campaign to rid Little Rock Central High School of the remaining Negro students, comes a report attributed to Gov. Faubus that a plan to solve Arkansas' School integration problems is being worked out by a group of high-minded citizens.

Leaders in the movement are said to be trying to bring the "extremists on both sides together" and restore the voluntary plan of integration that had been previously evolved.

Gov. Faubus insists that the role of the integrationists should be to promote "integration through the traditional democratic processes and not try to force it."

But it was he who used the National Guard last Fall to prevent integration in Little Rock. Has he so soon forgotten the incident? His clash with President Eisenhower resulted in Federal troops being sent to Little Rock to enforce compliance with a court order for admission of Negroes to the Central High School.

It was precisely a voluntary plan of integration which the school board had worked out and which Gov. Faubus violently opposed.

posed. Now he speaks of "traditional democratic processes" as the means by which desegregation should be carried out.

After stirring up the prejudices of his people to the point of hysteria, after defying the authority of the Federal courts, after making inflammatory speeches that came dangerously close to kindling the fires of a civil war, the Arkansas Governor talks today, six months later, as though he had been all along an advocate of the peaceful process of integration.

If, as the report says, high-minded citizens are devising the means to resolve once and for all the integration muddle, there are no recognizable signs that Negro leaders in Little Rock have been invited to participate in the discussion. This is a propaganda technique that Gov. Faubus is utilizing to discourage or delay any contemplated action on the part of the new civil rights Commission. He has been saying all the while that the Commission would have no legitimate grounds on which to poke its fingers into the affairs of the state of Arkansas. We shall see.

Is The Court Changing Mood?

The Supreme Court has refused to pass on the constitutionality of a Florida city's ordinance which empowers bus drivers to assign seats to passengers, presumably, on the basis of their weight. The NAACP, which challenged the legality of this ordinance, argued that it is a "subterfuge for continuing the policy of racial segregation" on buses.

Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the NAACP, made the point that in practice bus drivers were applying the ordinance to segregate white and Negro passengers. It was indeed the point at issue that brought the appeal before the high Court. In a test of the ordinance, two young Negroes and a white youth refused to obey a bus driver's orders of where to sit. They were arrested and convicted of violating the ordinance.

In the historic Montgomery, Ala., bus case, the Supreme Court held in 1956, that intrastate bus segregation was unconstitutional. There is no question but that the Florida bus ordinance is violative of this judicial opinion. Though the word "race" is not used, the intent is unmistakably clear that the assignment of seats is by race and not by weight. Forcible separation of the races on public conveyance or in public places, and institutions is segregation pure and simple, no matter what device is used to carry out such a policy.

In the face of incontestable evidence, the Court's refusal to review the case seems to be incompatible with its previous position on matters of segregation. What has brought this sudden shift of climate in the Justices' attitude, is a question that is baffling even to the unrestrained admirers of the present Court.

Is it possible that the Court has finally been clubbed into submission by irresponsible criticism and by Congressional threats to limit its jurisdiction and curtail its power? Or is it that the Court feels that it has gone as far as it intends to go on the question of segregation?

In retrospect we saw how the Court made about-face when FDR threatened to pack it with his own appointees following an unfavorable decision in the first test case on the constitutionality of the National Recovery Act. From then on all the essential pillars which supported the social philosophy of the New Deal were amply bolstered up by action of the High Court.

We hope and pray that the present court is sufficiently wedded to democratic principles to stand its ground against the whoop and holler of those loud critics who disregard the truth of history.

The People Speak

Dear Editor: I would like to commend you for your very illuminating editorial on "Loeb's Blunder." One of the primary responsibilities of any newspaper is to present the issues to the people, and then, in the editorials, to make enlightening commentaries on these issues. In this respect, I think that the Tri-State Defender has done an admirable job in helping to keep the citizenry informed.

We, the voting public, need to be aware of what our elected officials are doing, and what they are failing to do so that we can take effective action at the polls. Keep up the good work! Sincerely yours, Mrs. R. B. Sugarman, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.

Local Government Should Provide Jobs

Dear Editor: I heartily endorse the opinion expressed in your editorial entitled "The First National Bank" which appeared in the Daily Defender on Tuesday, Mar. 18, 1958. Undoubtedly Illinois should have legislation which would assure Negroes of the opportunity to be employed on the same basis as all other American citizens.

But, I have often wondered whether it is realistic to expect legislators the vast majority of whom are not Negroes to pass FEPC legislation, when they as well as the political parties which are instrumental in electing them are apparently unwilling to grant Negroes equal opportunities for

employment in the State, County and City governments. In Chicago the Negro population is over 600,000, as I understand it, and the Negro vote ranks second or third in strength among racial groups, and yet the number of really important posts in our City, County and State governments combined can be counted on one's fingers.

There are 36 Municipal Court judges and of the 36 only two are Negro. There are 48 Circuit and Superior Court judges and of these 48 only one is a Negro. It should hardly be considered possible to have other than a Negro as the Alderman of a ward, which is more than 90 percent Negro in population and yet that situation does exist. In those instances in which we have Negro Aldermen and State Representatives in districts inhabited only by Negroes some politicians may feel that they have received special consideration. That of course is only true if we regard Illinois as being the same as a typical southern state.

But it seems pretty clear at least here in Illinois that we should have our proper share of elective offices as well as political jobs, both major and minor. While positions should not be classified as belonging to certain groups or necessarily awarded to persons belonging to a particular group, since all minorities seem to gain some sort of proportionate representation in our local government, it seems that the Negro should have the same right. There is an ample number of Negroes fully capable of holding any and all posts which the State, County and City have to offer. And, those who are qualified should not be given mere token jobs, or positions carrying only the prestige and the salary properly accompanying them. Rather they should be given posts which bear all of the emoluments of the office. Evidently the political leaders

and politicians do not think that Negro citizens, taxpayers and voters are entitled to participate fully in their local governments or entitled to aid in the operation of these governmental agencies on the same basis or to the same degree as other minority or racial groups. We can hardly expect these same politicians and political leaders to give real support to an FEPC law.

It would seem that the first step for the Negroes of Chicago and Cook County is to obtain or try to obtain what the local governments can and should provide for us in the way of employment, since if our government which we support with our taxes and put in office with our votes will not hire us, how can we expect private citizens and corporations to hire us. Joseph J. Attwell, Jr.

Liberians Seek To Oust U. S. Dr. John B. West

MONROVIA, Liberia. — (ANP) — Col. John B. West, an American citizen and physician who has been engaged in private practice in Monrovia for the past ten or more years, has run afoul of Liberian law.

A report made by a committee of the House of Representatives has reported that Dr. West has been "conclusively guilty of participating in the Common Carriers business contrary to the statutory laws of the Republic."

The law, designed to protect Liberians who engage in some lines of business, declares that only Liberian citizens may engage in the trucking or taxicab business. The complaint by the legislative committee headed by Rep. J. D. Bing which investigated the matter, is that Dr. West owns and operates taxicabs and trucks under the names of several Liberians

DARK Shadows

by NAT D. WILLIAMS

MUTED TRUMPET

The hot, indigo notes that rose from the mouth of his golden trumpet are cool now. But they have left a trail of melody which will long linger in the land of the living.

The announcement of the death of venerable William Christopher Handy did not catch Memphians by surprise. For some years folk hereabouts have wondered admiringly about the amazing stamina of the man who could survive the rigors of early Beale Street, old age, fame, blindness, show business, lack of appreciation from his own, varied infirmities, and the multitude of related vicissitudes which accompany the hurried pace of the times.

But survive them he did, until early Friday morning, March 28, when the word was handed down that he had had enough. . . and that it was the moment for him to shuffle off the mortal coil that bound him to the sands of Time, and mount that pale horse that comes straight from the stables of Eternity.

But even in death, W. C. Handy, "Father of the Blues," was evoking the kind of emotions in people which make for a more livable world. Such status does he occupy in the hearts and minds of Memphis leaders until they were moved to make one of the most generous gestures in the history of local race relations. City spokesmen, led by Mayor Edmund Orville suggested to Mr. Handy's widow that the body of the great composer be buried in downtown Memphis. . . in the spot which an admiring city had previously set aside in his honor. . . in Handy's Square. They made the suggestion with the assurance

that the city would make special provisions that the Handy burial spot would be perpetually maintained in dignity and beauty . . . as a shrine of honor to a colored man who had brought honor and prestige to Memphis.

Gestures like that are great for any community. In times like these, in a town like this, it has extra special significance. The comparatively friendly relations between the races in Memphis are notable in a South and nation torn by tensions between groups. It was men like Mr. Handy who helped lay the foundations for these desired developments.

Mr. Handy's music spoke an understandable, simple language for white and black alike. In fact, wherever men experienced joys and sorrows, hope and disappointments, his blue-tinged notes could convey the shades of minor or major moods. So the blues became the harbingers of the American jazz which has swept around the world to join kings and commoners in bonds of mutual meaning.

As the widely-heralded "Father of the Blues," Mr. Handy rendered the Negro an immeasurable service when he plucked the blues from the pavements of Beale Street and put them on paper. In so doing he gave meaningful voice to the surging sentiments which tugged at the hearts of black men who could only voice their inner reaction to the frustrations of life with the nostalgic sentence in song, "I hate to see that evening sun go down." Mr. Handy gave living reality to the feelings of a folk who, because of previous conditions of servitude, had to use their songs to tell the world what was happening to them deep down inside. Now he rates rest. Selah!

ENOC P. WATERS, JR.



Adventures

In Race Relations

BEING NEITHER WHITE NOR BLACK

In the world of the white man a dark skin Negro is preferred over one of lighter color.

This is the conclusion of several of my fair skin friends. While a light skin might be a coveted asset, especially for a woman, in Negro society, it is a distinct disadvantage when doing business with whites.

In fact, a pale son of Ham charged the other day that whites are prejudiced against "white" Negroes. "I can't put my finger on it," the straw colored chap told me, "but whites dislike fair skin Negroes more than dark Negroes. It could be because we are the obvious results of miscegenation—a biological normality that offends most whites."

"I also think that being fair, the whites fear we might try to intrude upon their society where—as a real dark Negro could never 'pass'."

"The white man," he continued, "hates to be reminded of the clandestine nocturnal crossbreeding his forebears often indulged in, and we who are fair are irritating reminders of episodes they'd like to forget."

Here's another comment from a fair skin Negro—an actress of excellent talent, according to those in a position to judge. "I gave up in disgust," she told me, "I was too light for Negro roles and being a Negro

—though naturally blonde—not acceptable for white roles. That left me out."

Being practical, she studied shorthand and typing along with her dramatics in college and she's an excellent secretary. "But white firms won't hire me if they know I'm colored. When they want a Negro employee for public relations reasons, they want a dark one, so I'm left out again."

Not without a sense of humor, she pointed out an ironic twist in the whole situation.

"In real life, whites frequently prefer light skin Negroes as domestics. Ads in the paper often specify 'light skin Negro woman.'"

"But that's not true in the theatre. In a desperate effort to get any type of dramatic work, I was auditioned for a maid's role. I was commended for my acting, but rejected because I was too fair. 'They wouldn't know you were colored,' the director told me."

"What are you doing now," I asked.

She sighed wistfully. "All that's behind me now. I'm married and a mother. My husband likes me because I'm fair and my children aren't concerned about such matters. They love me in spite of it all. I'm very happy."

SO WHAT?



"She's A Fine Dresser . . . But There's Too Much In The Middle Drawer."

Out On The Limb



LANGSTON HUGHES

Week By Week



"Whenever I read about some Negro being shot down or beat to death in the South by white folks, I always say, 'One down and sixteen million and ONE to go,'"

"Meaning by that, what?" I asked.

"Meaning there are sixteen million Negroes left in the USA to carry on the battle," he explained. "But who is the extra one?"

"Me," said Simple. "Therefore I say sixteen million and ONE!"

"How come you don't just count yourself in with the sixteen million?"

"Because this is what the census counted," said Simple. "But me, I have never been put down on no census."

"How could that have happened," I asked, "that you have never been put down on a census?"

"I were never home when the census man came around, always out in some bar somewhere at night, at work by day, so I have never looked a census man in the face. I do not even know if census men is white or colored."

"But I figure in Harlem they must be colored to get down on paper as many names as they do—since Negroes will very seldom tell white folks much—and I don't blame them. They know time of my own money, like I you as I do, Goodnight!"

"Daddy-o," said Simple, "you too much for our own good already."

"So you are that extra uncounted American Negro," I said. "I is," said Simple. "And if or when all the other sixteen million is gone, white folks will still have to reckon with ME, Jesse B. colored as I can be. There will always be one Negro left around someplace. I figure that one will be me."

"And if you were the last Negro left in the USA what would you do?"

"I would proceed to solve the Race Problem," declared Simple. "First thing I would do would be to move into a white neighborhood so they would get used to seeing me around. I could not bear to stay in Harlem by myself, anywhere."

"Next thing, I would do would be to join a white church—which would give me more reason for not going to church much, since I can imagine nothing more sleepy-like than a white church where the music does not swing at all."

"After I had paid my church dues, I would find myself a nice neighborhood bar, and get to be the favorite Negro of all the white folks who hung out in there. Oh, the jive that I would lay down—nothing Uncle Tom, but just jive—kidding around and all talking and kidding around, so that everybody would like to see me come in, and would order me a beer right away."

"I would not have to spend a dime of my own money, like I you as I do, Goodnight!"

"Daddy-o," said Simple, "you sometimes a man's own friends sure are tight!"

will not treat him when his glass is empty."

"Do not look at me in that tone of voice," I said. "I could use a beer right now," said Simple. "And I bet, if I was the last Negro left in America, you would buy me a beer, just to hear my story."

"Profiteering in race, that is what you would be doing," I said.

"I would book me a lecture tour out of this world," said Simple. "Peoples would fill Town Hall to hear me, the Only Negro Still Living In The Land of The Free—Dr. Jesse B. Semple, authority on the colored race! Oh, I would draw crowd's mammy, and brass bands would meet me at the train when I arrive in town."

"And I would write articles in the magazines about how it feels to be the ONE Negro left of whom there never was no record in the census, never listed nowhere—yet is there. Order up a beer and let me tell you what else I would do."

"I think you have had too many beers now, the way you are talking out of your head—annihilating the whole Negro race, with you the only one left living to reap the benefits."

"As you sow so shall ye reap," said Simple. "Why don't you sow a little bit, too, and sprinkle the soil with the beer of dew, and see what will happen for you?"

"Nothing new," I said. "Knowing 'Daddy-o,' said Simple, 'you sometimes a man's own friends sure are tight!'"

Dope And Data

LOUIS MARTIN



Last week I reported on the fact that white citizens differ among themselves, that some are noble and decent, that some are simply indifferent and that some are wicked, we are as wrong as Senator Eastland.

Whites are no more alike than Negroes and we must see them as individuals as we would have them see us as individuals.

We resent keenly the expression of the bigots that "all Negroes look alike to me." It is foolhardy therefore for us to take the position that all whites also are the same.

It is important to look beyond race, color and religion to distinguish friend from foe. In the first place, we need all the allies we can find in the overall struggle against prejudice and racial discrimination. In the second place, some of the most valiant warriors against these evils which beset us have been white.

No sane person who has read the history of the Negro in America can forget the noble sacrifices of the Abolitionists, the John Browns, the great host of heroes who fought and died to make all Americans free. The legacy of Lincoln has not been lost in our own day.

There are thousands of white leaders all across our land who will stand with the most militant Negro in defiance of bigotry and racism.

When I think of my state of Georgia, I remember Talmadge, but I also remember Lillian Smith. Indeed, some of the most stalwart champions of civil rights for Negroes in America have been Southern born and bred.

One of the most tragic aspects of this picture is that a few of two-way street.

our leaders are anti-Semitic. To me this is absolutely unpardonable. No other minority in America can life including ourselves, has fought more vigorously nor more effectively against prejudice and bigotry than the Jews.

As a reporter covering the racial front for over two decades in the major cities of America, I feel I can speak with some authority on this issue.

If we were to subtract somehow the dynamic liberalizing influence of the Jewish culture from American society, we would be a lost ball in high grass. Personally, I would be ready to move into outer space.

In touching upon prejudices which have infected and poisoned the minds of some of us, I know that I am bringing up a delicate matter which many of us do not wish to discuss in public. Be that as it may, I feel that the Negro leadership has an obligation to fight prejudice wherever a nd whenever it raises its ugly head, even among ourselves.

I should like to remind our few misguided souls also that for Negroes to succumb to hate is the one sure way to destroy the only hope we have for true democracy in America. Without genuine good will and mutual respect there will be no peace nor will there be any progress towards the democratic ideals we so fondly cherish.

I must report that the number of those among us who are anti-white and anti-Semitic is far fewer than a decade ago. We have some fanatics, but they are being challenged by a more enlightened leadership. Soon all of us will recognize that brotherhood is a

so they say

By AL MONROE

OF ALL THE FANS attending the Robinson fight major interest centered around Frank Sinatra who everyone thought would be seated with Lauren Bacall. . . FRANKIE WAS at ringside but not with Bacall who didn't even attend the fight. — THE OTHER VERY outstanding seat holder was Edward Small of New York. — ED WHO FOR YEARS ran Small's Paradise in Harlem is perhaps the greatest living cafe baron and one of the best liked. — ED WHO ENDED up with pockets filled doesn't bet anymore but he was happy to see his choice, Sugar Ray come out on top.

JOE ZIGGY JOHNSON who came over from Detroit left next day not for Motor City but New York where his show premiered Friday at New York's Club Savoy. — FOLKS ARE TALKING about Johnny Mathis appearing both nervous and frightened during his performance on the Academy Awards Ceremony. — WHAT WOULD you expect from a lady who just two years ago could not have gotten in to see the ceremonies much less singing one of its nominated songs. — FINALLY, JOHNNY'S appearance on the program indicates the high esteem he enjoys with Hollywood brass. — DON'T BE SURPRISED when and if the Joe Louis Milk Co., in Chicago extends its territory to many parts of the nation including New York with Sugar Ray Robinson as one of the owners. . .

A COLUMNISTS mention of "a Mrs. Billy Williams" in midwest caused quite a stir with letters pouring in to say there was only one Mrs. Billy Williams. — THAT ONE, operator of a business venture belonging to the famed singer (and wife) in New York City. — THE RUMOR THAT SAMMY DAVIS ran amuck during stay at Chez Paree in Chicago is greatly

exaggerated. SAMMY MERELY got told a few critics who showed designs on striking his romantic affairs below the belt blows. — HEAR TELL one of major television chains is working on POSSIBLE SHOW starring Pearl Bailey as summer replacement. — IF DEAL JELLS show will guest star only top femme singers including Hollywood names. — POSSIBLE SPONSOR is medicine company that "angelized" the Billy Daniels show over several week period.

POPULARITY OF Lena Horne's Broadway play, multiplied in announcement from several cities that three or more months guarantee of full houses awaits mere decision that play is available. — CHICAGO, DETROIT, Philadelphia and Cleveland among cities "begging" for play with guarantees in readiness. — JOHN W. BUBBLES, formerly of team of Buck and Bubbles, who appeared on television recently is enroute BACK to the spotlight — NEW HANDLERS have been assured several top "dates" for the great singer — dancer. — WHEN BENNY GOODMAN appears on NBC-TV in reunion of his old band night of April 9 Teddy Wilson, pianist, and Buck Clayton, trumpet will be included in the personnel. — LIONEL HAMPTON's next out-of-the-U. S. trip will take him south of the border, and into Cuba and South America — H E A R TELL Earl "Fatha" Hines enroute back to Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong combo — A C O O L \$2,500 was Della Reese's take for latest television spotting. — HARRY BELAFONTE nixed bid for television "guest" spot because, "his reported, dough was too low. — T. BONE WALKER and T-Bone, Jr., combined their talents for Los Angeles jam Sunday past in a spectacular at 5-4 Ballroom.

Educational TV Spotlights Ace Pianist Taylor

The Educational jazz television program over NBC-TV set for April 2, 5 p. m., rates much viewing because of its format and star studded cast of performers and lecturers. Pianist Billy Taylor will be spotlighted as commentator in "Performance" on The Subject Is Jazz as the program looks at improvisation and other guiding elements in jazz performance. With Taylor in the program's jazz-playing combination are Osie Johnson, drums, Eddie Safranski, bass; Mundell Lowe, guitar; Tony Scott, clarinet and saxophone; Jimmy Cleveland, trombone, and Carl "Doc" Severinson, trumpet. Gilbert Seldes is weekly host.



in their eighth annual Fashion Production, "Peautnik" in Terrace Casino of Morrison hotel Thursday, May 29. This will mark Mr. Holder's first appearance in Chicago.

Erroll Garner Opens

The "hottest" jazz combo in the world — Erroll Garner and his Trio make one of their welcomed appearances at the Blue Note — a two week engagement. Fresh from his tour of Europe, where he garnered fresh laurels from music fans on the Continent, Erroll returns to Chicago, a town that took to his distinctive piano stylings even early in his career. Two new honors awarded him while abroad were the Grand Prix du Disque from France and the Fats Waller Prize from the Hot Club of France. His album, "Concert By The Sea" continues to top the best-seller lists with the vitality of a new hit release. Columbia Records presented a gold disc in honor of the first "million dollar album" by a sold jazz instrumentalist. Besides his club dates, such as

Play Areas

Plans to construct playyards at 25 schools in the city this year have been approved by the board of education.

'Rock 'n' Roll Package To Trianon



WITH THE "OSCAR Awards" over and the winners either "in" or "out" all eyes and ears are now focussed on television's best, "The Emmy Awards" due later this month. Among the "nominees" predicted for a spot in the sun is "The Green Pastures" likely winner of the "best single dramatic" award. Here William Warfield as "De Lawd" is shown with angels Vinette Carroll and Hilda Haynes as they appeared on the NBC-TV telecast last Oct. 17.

Sugar Ray Attracted All Harlem That Was In The 'Sugar,' Dan Says

By DAN BURLEY

Harlem finally came to Chicago. About 200 of 'em riding on special cars on the Pacemaker and Trailblazer. A lot of 'em sneaked in by bus and some by plane to meet the deadline to see Sugar Ray Robinson regain his world middleweight title from Carmen Basilio at the Chicago Stadium.

A lot of 'em came on the cuff and went back the same way. The sidewalk in front of the Conrad-Hilton looked like a scene along the Potomac River in Washington during a Daddy Grace baptism. The bar at the west end of the stadium lobby looked like "Downtown Mound Bayou" on a Saturday night in mid-August. In fact, the out-of-town and in-town gals made it look like a Sunday afternoon cocktail fashion show at Ed Small's old Paradise. The mink ranged from the black diamond to the "knitted" variety. Stoles and shoulder pieces abounded. And there were a lot of bare shoulders around to excite the boys not too tight conscious but more interested in the distaff division of those who came to see and be seen.

The "shorts" kept Major Robinson, Carl Maxwell, Lawson Bowman and others on 125th st. The crowd bought enough whiskey to keep any five bars in Harlem, in Chicago's Bronzeville, Detroit's Paradise Valley or Cleveland's 55th and Central on the winning side of the cash register for a year. Or at least a couple of weeks.

THOSE 'GASSED' HAired BOYS The New York crowd at first stayed to itself in little clots of women surrounded by gas-haired playboys talking out of the sides of their mouths. Then as the mob from Detroit, Milwaukee, Gary, Miami, Philadelphia, Washington and Cleveland started pushing and shoving and bumping into each other, things jumped madly. This, of course, was just before the main bout and directly after. Kiah Sayles, onetime "cost accountant" for Joe Louis, was busy hunting his former boss, possibly to insure his return bus fare home. At the same time, Mr. J. Hoss Steele, 7th ave. tycoon who spends when there's no exit for him to slip out, was busy putting down his bets. After the fight he walked holes in his shoes trying to collect from those Basilio believers who discreetly fled after the decision was announced.

Rev. W. W. Monroe, onetime official Ray Robinson "Prayer Man," tended his "flock" away from the bar.

Bartenders' union bigwig James (Gentle Jimmy) Richardson stayed close to pretty tavernkeeper Fannie Pierre, proprietor of Harlem's popular Dawn Cafe.

Fannie was picking up the check for the gang from Sugar Hill — Ricco, Bricktop from 145th st., Elsie Blow, the ex-chorus girl and a lot of others she didn't know.

Cleber Willis of the Rhythm Club borrowed from nobody. He was loaded. Joe Overton of Local 338 of Harlem's Grocery Clerk's

union, bought a few beers and then tried to find Streamline Clarence Humphrey who spent the night looking for a good one. Jimmy and Richard Gaines played things back to back while Pal Williams looked lost.

MAJOR MINUS DUCATS Somebody said Bill Cohen, just back from Mexico, had to stay at Jack's Place on 7th ave. to see "how it's coming in here." He didn't show. And Major Robinson, unable to get enough complimentary ducats to make it worth his while, figured he could profit more by sticking around Harlem where he could at least eat on the cuff. Barmaid Gloria Campbell looked but didn't believe any of the Chicago loud talk she heard. It didn't mean anything — that is, money wise. And there was George Krulik of the Krulik Brothers who own the Baby Grand Cafe. There was a lot of pushing and shoving to

get near him as he "ran 'em round" in spurts.

Finlay Hoskins, playing 'em "tight" like he does in Hot Springs, had to leave early. He wanted to get back to the Conrad-Hilton to count his "earnings." He and Hoss Steele! Jeff York of Brooklyn, owner of the Berry Brothers joint across the river, checked in early at the Manor House and checked out just as early. So did Pete Craig and Marshall Miles of Buffalo. Johnny Roth, "Moe the Plumber," Carl Thomas of Carl's Corner, Ernie Sampson, Raymond Shepperson, Wilhelmnia Chavez, Clint from 115th st., the "Black Prince," Irvin Deloatch of Philly and Tommy (Dr. Jive) Smalls, the disc jockey, were just a few who proved that all Harlemites and east coasters aren't too broke to go see a fight.

Slim Gaillard, Cooley Rigsby, Others Groovy

Slim Gaillard and his combo; making the Chicago stem one of the gayest in many seasons. Slim is starred at the popular Sutherland hotel lounge, one spot where gayety reigns constantly. The same may be said of the job "Cowboy" Jack Cooley is doing at the Green Door Lounge, 450 W. 63rd street, one of the newer spots along the stem. The C and C Lounge also comes on with music featuring the Norman Simmons all stars.

Johnny Griffin and his sax have charge of the music at Swingland Lounge on Cottage Grove where weekly jam sessions are staged Sundays. Swingland is fast becoming the home of rock'n roll with guest stars galore participating in the sessions that are held weekly. The Paddock Lounge, 212 E. 83rd street has Gene Arthur as emcee and a weekly Derby Night Sundays when prizes are awarded. The popular Roberts Show Lounge on South Parkway is still featuring the Jewell Box Revue starring "Mr. Lynne Carter" and others in a socksational female impersonation production. Music at Roberts is furnished by Porter Kilbert and his great band.

Richard Ingram and his Rock'n Roll stars are featured at the popular Duke's Vincennes Lounge where music is the top item on menu. And at Crossroads tavern the music and entertainment is by Tommy Rigsby, famed piano stylist. The D and D Lounge, 337 Ogden has set jam sessions for Tuesday, Friday and Sunday nights. And there is the sensational entertainment by Jack Donohue at loop's Blue Note cafe.

Marge Simms' popular Kitty Kat Club, 611 E. 63rd st. jumps nightly and at matinee performance to the music of King Fleming and combo with the very talented Lurlean Harris on vocals.

Behind the scenes singing or playing with an actor or actress appearing as the artist is nothing new. It has been done countless times before. We merely mention this incident because the film is coming back and with the added belief that the tune "As Times Goes By" may well be on its way back.

Teddy Wilson, Buck Clayton Participate On Goodman TV

Reunion time is near for Benny Goodman and members of his bands of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Seventeen musical alumni of the Goodman band will be reunited on SWING INTO SPRING, the musical show to be colorcast on NBC-TV Wednesday, April 9 (9-10 p. m., EST.). Trumpeter Harry James, pianist Teddy Wilson and alto saxman Hyman Shertzer will resume their

old seats for the show. The three men played in the original Goodman bands and small combos of the 1930s.

Vibrist Red Norvo, tenorman Zoot Sims, trumpeter Billy Butterfield and trombonists Lou McGarriety and Eddie Bert will represent the Goodman bands of the 1940s. From the King of Swing's

band of the 1950s will come trumpeter Buck Clayton, pianist Hank Jones, trombonist Urbie Green, alto Walter Lewinsky, tenorman Al Klink, baritone saxman, Sol Schlinger, guitarist Kenny Burrell and drummer Leroy Burns.

The latest of the Goodman units will be rounded out by trumpeters Bernie Glow and Doc Severinsen and bassist Russ Saunders.

Roy Hamilton In Caravan Set For Chicago April 5

Chicago dance and concert lovers will get a big break night of April 5 when Roy Hamilton comes to Trianon ballroom as head of an allstar "package."

In addition to Hamilton the "package" will have the talents of The Dubs, Thurston Harris, Teenagers, Donnie Elbert, Shirley and Lee, Wynona Carr, The Clouds, Doc Bagley and band and many others.

This promotion is first in a series of "name" package deals to be heard and seen at Chicago's largest and most popular ballroom. Other "packages" due here will also boast top stars but no more sensationally than the one of April 5.

There will be dancing throughout the evening. However many of the numbers on menu are to be dished for concert lovers approval. As for Roy Hamilton he is expected to cut out with some of the numerous hits he has discarded for juke boxes and the crowd pleasers he offered in the past before an attack removed him from the touring stem.

The Trianon, closed for several months reopened with a bang several weeks ago. To make it even more attractive the new management completely remodeled the up and down stairs. New draperies, chairs and fixtures makes the ballroom a real show place.

Canadians Hail Sally Blair 'It'

MONTREAL — Sally Blair is a top favorite in this city. Proof of pudding is the way she stood 'em in the aisles at local El Morocco. Of the latter engagement the Canadian edition of Variety, Trade weekly had this to say of her performance.

"Certainly the most handsome colored thrush to grace the floor of El Morocco, Sally Blair is a vocal as well as visual click. Garbed, or rather poured, in a revealing cold lame gown that is tight enough to restrict almost all movements but those of her expressive face, Miss Blair brings an entirely new type of chirping to Montreal — it is sometimes confusing but always interesting. Teasing off with "Taking A Chance on Love," songstress does "Bewitched" and then changes



BARBARA McNAIR, femme-star in the Broadway play "Body Beautiful" that closed last week is in Chicago this weekend for special record sales promotion on recent recordings, including "There Was You" and "Bobby." Miss McNair returns to Chicago May 29, when she'll be featured at annual Urbanides Fashion production "Beautnik." In Terrace Casino of Morrison hotel.

Muriel Rahn Hailed By Showcase Throng

NEW YORK — Muriel Rahn, whose renown as a concert, opera and theatrical personality continues to soar among the stars, was one of the headliners guest-

starting on the Annual New York City Center Showcase production Monday. Miss Rahn, whose recent New York Town Hall concert was rousing success despite the fact was held on a night which saw the worst New York blizzard in ten years, did an excerpt for the "Showcase" from "Carmen Jones" which she performed on Broadway several seasons ago.

Others with whom La Rahn shared the "Showcase" bill were Tallulah Bankhead, Nancy Walker, Lawrence Winters, Bert Lahr, Brenda Lewis, Franchot Tone, Rod Alexander, Slobban McKenna and The American Ballet Theatre.

The young artist, who is professor of piano at Fisk university, presented a program of 13 compositions by classical masters, including Bach, Busoni, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Poulenc and Albaniz.

He appeared for three performances at Helsinki and he also made two appearances with the Symphony Orchestra in Trondheim, Norway. McFerrin arrived in time to celebrate his 38th birthday with his wife, Sara, and two children, Brenda and Robert, Jr. He left by plane on Friday for Billings, Montana, where he appears with the Billings Symphony Society, and thence to Los Angeles for a Concert date.

Mahalia Jackson Home On Ed Murrow TV Show

The quietly impressive ranch home at 8358 S. Indiana was brought into national focus Friday evening, when Mahalia Jackson, world-famous gospel singer, was interviewed by Edward R. Murrow on his "Person to Person" show.

A resident of Chatham for three years, Miss Jackson graciously

entertained officers of the Chatham Avalon Community Council who stopped in to wish their popular neighbor well on the video interview. Joining in the refrain of a spiritual with the star were Thomas Gaudette, Emerson Badgley, Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Mrs. Albert Miller.



STICKLAND LOUNGE was a scene of a gay birthday party Sunday honoring Buster Strickland, co-owner shown

cutting cake, with a number of celebs present. Here Mildred Strickland, left, Sparky spot's platter spinner and Mildred Peterson are shown serving the "cake cutting."

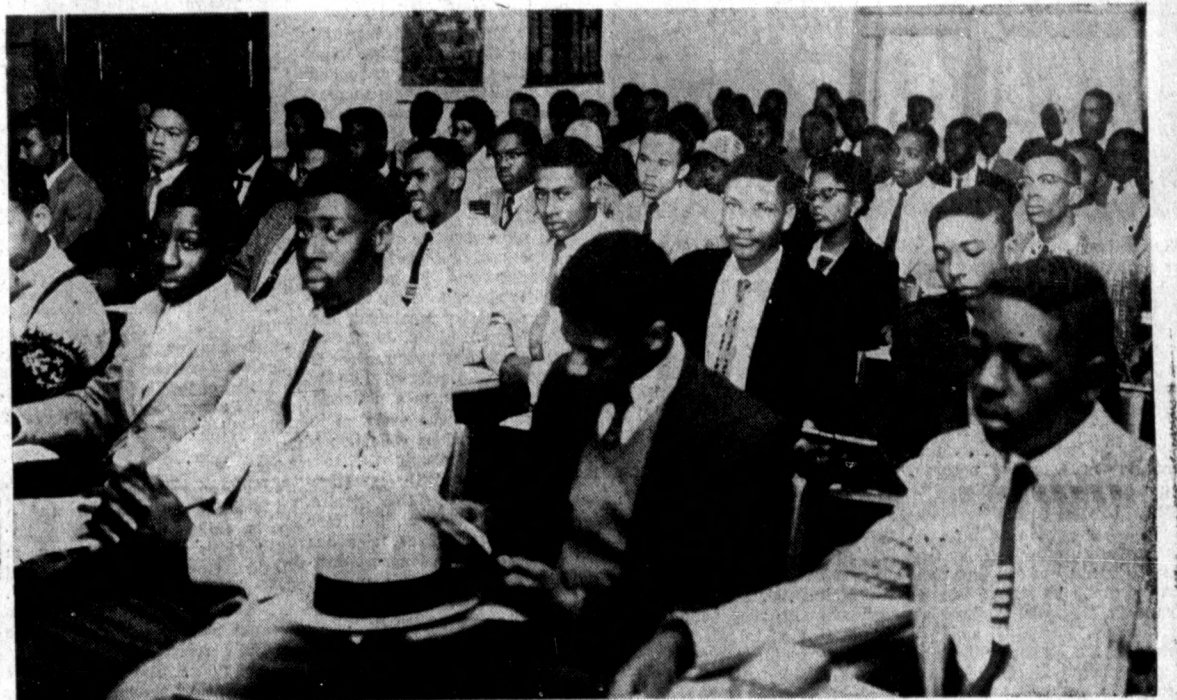
Lane Career Conference Draws 652 Students



PLANNED CAREER — Some 652 high school students from West Tennessee are shown in general session at the Lane College Sixth Annual Career Conference on March 25, during High School Day. The theme of the conference was "A Planned Career in a New Age." During the two-day project students received information broken down into more than 100 sub areas. Some 72 able consultants were on hand to give advice.



MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY — High school students interested in medical technology are shown at the Lane college Career Conference held last week. Serving as consultants were Miss Seebert, and Dr. Holloway of Meharry Medical college and Eddie Shellman.



THESE ATTENTIVE students, all high school seniors are getting information from experienced consultants about careers in biology at Lane college Career conference. The annual project was held last week.



SOMERVILLE SENIORS — A large group of seniors from Somerville High school registered for the Lane college career conference. Many of them are shown as they happily went through the procedure.



HAILED FOR HIS dynamic and inspiring address last Thursday was Atty. J. F. Estes, the principal speaker, at the Lane career conference. On the platform with him, left to right, are: Mrs. Essie M. Perry, chairman of the conference; President C. A. Kirkendoll, and Rev. U. L. McKinnon.

Twins Among Lovely Debs To Make Bows



FIVE LOVELY DEBS — Among the third set of five lovely young ladies to be presented to Memphis society on Friday evening, May 2, at

Club Ebony by the Memphis graduate chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi are the first twins to participate in the event. There will be a total of 21

young ladies who will make their bow at the Debutante Ball. At top left is Miss Geraldine Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Bell, of 1468

Sidney st. Miss Bell is a senior at Douglas High school. In second photo from left is Miss Dorothy Seaborn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sea-

born, of 1014 Speed st. She is a senior at Manassas High school. Miss Anita LaVerne grandmother, Mrs. Adella Siggers, of 2800 Amsden ave., is

shown in center photo. She is Siggers, who lives with her a senior at Melrose High school. In fourth photo from left is Miss Mary Catherine

Taylor, and in extreme photo at right, her twin sister, Miss Mary Josephine Taylor, the daughters of Mrs. Parthenia

Taylor, of 1269 Williams ave., and the late Mr. Taylor. Both girls are seniors at Father Bertrand Parochial school.

SOCIETY Merry Go-Round

by MARJORIE I. ULEN

Springtime . . . the Queen of the Seasons . . . with Holy Week and Easter, again reminding all of the Resurrection and its promise of everlasting life . . . fills the hearts of people everywhere with longings for peace in our troubled world, minds and everyday events. With the awakening of Nature, the donning of personal raiment by young and old alike . . . social events are also on the upsurge.

LES VOGUETTES — **RUDDENLY ITS SPRING** In a lovely garden setting . . . Les Voguettes presented its first Annual Charity Fashion Show and introduced the Ten Best Dressed Women in Memphis at Club Ebony, Sunday, March 23, and presented a check of \$500 for the benefit of the proposed children's orphanage.

Using the theme of an international designer and connoisseur of fashions presenting three shows to a small group of famous buyers representing exclusive stores from five of the world's largest cities . . . the buyers and their guests were in New York City to witness the "Best Dressed Women's Award" Presentation sponsored by Les Voguettes.

The fantasy portrayed the group of buyers three times: at breakfast during a showing of morning fashions; at a luncheon with a showing of daytime fashions and

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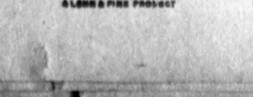
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play clothes; and at a cocktail hour before the award presentation with a showing of evening clothes.

The Connoisseur of Fashions (the narrator) was R. Q. (Ethel) Venson; the Buyers (Judges) were Miss Jewel Gentry, L. O. Swinger, Nat D. Williams and your scribe . . . and the audience was the guest of the buyers.

The flood-lit ramp was a scene of continuous interest in the showing of a tremendous collection of beautiful, practical and high fashion clothing . . . one whole scene of which was furnished by five Main st. clothing stores and a well-known hat shop, with complete information as to price, material and source of availability — the type of clothing that the average Memphian wears and enjoys because it comprises good cut, latest styles . . . featuring sun-up to sun-down outfits designed to flatter and create the chic appearance which make Memphis women some of the best-dressed in the Nation.

Members of Les Voguettes were individually presented, wearing outfits which were the courtesy of the stores previously mentioned.

Highlight of the affair was the presentation of awards to the Ten Best Dressed Women . . . which was ably introduced by veteran newsmen L. O. Swinger who helped build the suspenseful aura of the capacity audience by calling on well-known radio personality Nat D. Williams to make the awards. Mr. Williams held the two envelopes which contained the individual cards bearing the names of the Ten Best Dressed Women and the names of ten others who were in the Top Twenty selected

for judging. Mr. Williams declined in favor of the two lady judges to name the Ten Best Dressed. **THE BEST DRESSED WOMEN** It was Miss Jewel Gentry who had the pleasure of announcing the five cards which included the names of Mrs. Julian (Johnetta) Kelso, Mrs. R. Q. (Ethel) Venson, Miss Ida Mae Walker, Mrs. Polly Carradine Swayze and Mrs. Hannibal (Ezelle) Parks . . . and followed by "your scribe," who announced the remaining winners . . . Miss Cornelia Crenshaw, Mrs. W. O. (Jewel) Speight, Jr., Mrs. Ruby Gaddison, Mrs. Eldridge (Helen) Tarpley and Mrs. Robert (Thelma) Davidson.

This representative selection of the scores of well-dressed Memphis ladies was the public and the judges' choice to carry the banner for the 1958 presentation. Mrs. Kelso, the wife of Dr. Julian Kelso, vice president and medical director of the Universal Life Insurance Company, is a nationally known socialite who owns an incomparably fabulous collection of furs, jewels and clothing . . . one who has traveled extensively throughout the USA, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe, the Near East and North Africa, who has been named on the ten best dressed list of a national magazine. Mrs. Kelso's trophy was received by Mrs. Ann Lawrence Hall.

Mrs. R. Q. Venson . . . and untiring civic worker and the very breath and spirit of the Cotton Makers' Jubilee, who with her husband, Dr. R. Q. Venson hold two of the most prominent national offices of the National Dental Auxiliary (Ethel's the national president; and Dr. Venson is the chairman of the board of directors.) Ethel is strictly in her element in the fashion world . . . having traveled all over the country with the Spirit of Cotton and been instrumental in selecting the all-cotton wardrobes which have been given to the various Spirits and the Miss Jubilees who have been selected for the annual Cotton Makers Jubilee.

Ethel is always on the go . . . and is at home in the major cities of our country, and in Canada and the Caribbean.

Miss Ida Mae Walker . . . a business woman with a dream career . . . the secretary to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Universal Life Insurance Co., Dr. J. E. Walker, and the supervisor of the company's Investment Department . . . whose quiet charm and demeanor as an outstanding as her beautiful wardrobe. Mrs. W. W. Walker (no relation) received Miss Walker's award for her.

Mrs. Polly Carradine Swayze is a name known throughout our city for her adeptness and originality of design in the modiste world, and who graces with dignity the lovely clothing she chooses for herself. Mrs. Swayze is the widow of the late J. A. Swayze, an executive officer of the Universal.

Mrs. Hannibal (Ezelle) Parks is the wife of Hannibal Parks and a teacher in the local school system. Mrs. Parks' popularity was evidenced by the large ovation she received from the audience.

Miss Cornelia Crenshaw is the dean of fashion-show commentators in our city, was the very epitome of fashion as she received her award, wearing one of her fabulous fur stoles, a lovely spring print frock and one of the lovely chapeaux for which she has always been famed. Another outstanding careerist, she is the only lady manager of a local housing project — Dixie Homes, and has been with the Memphis Housing Authority since its inception.

The daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Crenshaw, who was present to see her daughter receive the coveted award, Miss Crenshaw is noted for her love of the beautiful.

Mrs. Ruby Gaddison . . . another city school teacher . . . is the

Memphis society reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier and is the daughter of Mrs. Rosa Clark. She designs and makes many of the fashionable clothes which she wears with charm and grace at all times. She is an adept artist in charcoal and pastels . . . and her artist's eye reflected in the appointments in her home, where she resides with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Clark, on Florida st. It was our pleasure to receive Mrs. Gaddison's award for her.

Mrs. W. O. Speight is the gracious wife of Dr. W. O. Speight, Jr. and enjoys a wide circle of friends locally and in New York and St. Louis where the Speights have resided during periods of his training as an ENT specialist, and internship, residence and practice in NYC. A former teacher and the mother of one son, Mrs. Speight is admired for the regal manner in which she wears her well-coordinated wardrobe — making her a vision of loveliness at all times. Mrs. Andrew (Mary Roberts) received Mrs. Speight's trophy.

Mrs. Eldridge Tarpley is the wife of the well-known owner of Littlejohn Taxi company and a sports enthusiast who with her husband is frequently away in Mexico, Canada and hunting and fishing points in our own country. A housewife, Mrs. Tarpley presents a statuesque figure in the carefully selected clothes.

Mrs. Robert Davidson is active in social, civic and religious circles and is the wife of a restaurateur, Robert Davidson. Her love of lovely and high-styled clothing has made her a popular model in local and mid-south fashion shows. The mother of a young son, Mrs. Davidson loves to travel and believes in "seeing America first" . . . but has traveled in Mexico. Miss Gentry received the trophy for Mrs. Davidson.

THE TOP TWENTY Receiving honorable mention for being among the Twenty Best Dressed Women in Memphis were Mrs. Ruby Greene, Miss Lois Jones, Mrs. Gus Kendrick, Mrs. Elma Hubbard Martin, Mrs. Ann Mitchell, Mrs. A. Maceo Walker, Mrs. Zernia Peacock Rochelle, Mrs. Marilyn Tucker and Mrs. Mable Winfrey.

MODELS Mrs. Mary Fuller-Smith daughter of the president of Fuller Products Inc., was special guest model who showed outfits from her personal wardrobe, including a Dior cocktail outfit, a stunning Cerulean mink cape stole, and a particularly beautiful pale green wool suit — along with a white satin ribbon and lack short formal.

Mrs. Fuller was named one of Chicago's 10 Best Dressed Women. We are certainly proud of the wonderful job of modeling done by Mrs. Ernestine Anderson, Mrs. Marvin Bell, Mrs. Polly Carradine Swayze, Mrs. Mary Davidson, Mrs. Thelma Zell, Miss Thelma Green, Miss Denise Hawkins, Mrs. Juanita Arnold, Mrs. Mable Winfrey, Mrs. Bernice Washington, Anderson Tate, Mrs. Hattie Smith, Mrs. Emma H. Stotts, Mrs. Janet Arnold Seymour, Miss Geraldine Pope, Miss Jean House, Mrs. Alene Holmes, E. Kenneth David, Mrs. Bernadette Hayes, Mrs. W. Land, Jimmy Cade, Little Bob Mayfield, Miss Alberta Mickens, Mrs. Beulah Preston, and others. All in all, it was a grand occasion . . . not a stone left unturned by the group, even down to presenting coffee, lemonade, many!

The current edition . . . "Show Time 'Round The World" promises to be the best production yet produced — with exotic costuming and lighting effects. Mrs. Georgia P. Harvey is the general chairman, with Mr. Emerson Able, band instructor at the music helm.

The Delta Junior Miss Contest is underway . . . in connection with the annual May Week activities of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, which will culminate with Breakfast for Milady, Saturday morning, May 10, at Currie's Club Tropicana.

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Fashion Show Scheduled For Eastern Star

A fashion show, sponsored by the Council of the Memphis District Association Matron YWA Red Circle and Crusaders, will be presented at the Eastern Star Baptist church on Thursday evening, April 10, at 8:00 p. m.

Rev. W. M. Field will serve as the moderator for the show. Mrs. Nannie Latham is president of the council; Mrs. Delora S. Thompson, president of the Young People's organization; and Mrs. J. B. Webb, district president.

canapes and cocktails, for the three scenes of the show, for the delight of the judges and the narrator, on the stage. By the way, Arthur Leipzig of Look and Time magazine covered the show.

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Out at Manassas high school, last Monday night's band and music concert was indeed a rare delight . . . and honored guest was Mrs. Georgia P. Quinn, for many years a member of the Manassas faculty, and who inspired at least three of our town's band instructors and music teachers to follow in her footsteps. Mrs. B. B. Jones of Manassas Music Department presented Mrs. Quinn with a corsage during intermission.

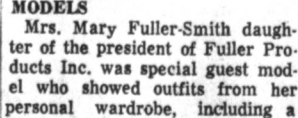
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Meet Some Of The Young Ladies Who'll Make Their Debut May 2

The Annual Debutante Ball of the Memphis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity will be the scene of the debut of 21 beautiful young ladies who will be making their bow to society on Friday, May 2, at Club Ebony.

The Debutante club of 1958 has been organized under the supervision of the Silhouettes, auxiliary, to Kappa Alpha Psi, who select the young ladies to be presented by careful screening as to culture, character, and deportment, and who also sponsor an outstanding social reception in their honor.

Announcement is made this week of five more young ladies who have joined the ranks of others previously announced by the group, and included the announcement of the first set of twins to be presented by local Kappas, in the person of the Misses Mary Josephine and Mary Catherine Taylor, daughters of Mrs. Parthenia Taylor and the late Mr. Anderson Taylor.

TALENTED The charming beautiful Taylor twins attend Father Bertrand Parochial school, are members of Zenos and Debs social clubs, are talented in interpretative dancing and are both members of the National Honor Society. Both plan to attend St. Louis university, and love playing basketball and sewing for hobbies. However, Mary Josephine plans to become a physical therapist while Mary Catherine plans to become a nurse.

Miss Geraldine Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Bell of 1468 Sidney st., is a senior at Douglas high school where her honors include her selection as Miss English of 1957, Senior Superlatives and editor of the Maroonette. Her hobby is writing, and she would like to enter some branch of Government work when she finishes Fisk university, the college of her choice. Miss Bell also enjoys playing the piano, singing and speaking. She is a member of the Junior Civic Club, The Student Council and a member of the news paper staff at her school.

THREE MORE Another lovely deb will be Miss Dorothy Seaborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Seaborn of 1014 Speed st., who is a senior at Manassas high school. Her club membership includes the Double Teners and Zephyrs social clubs, and her hobbies of sewing and playing the piano makes her life a full one. Miss Seaborn plays several musical instruments and is also talented in singing and dancing. She will attend Fisk university, and her ambition is to become a musician.

Miss Anita LaVerne Siggers, the daughter of Mr. Coleridge and the late Willie Siggers, lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Adella Siggers at 2800 Amsden avenue, and is a senior at Melrose High school, where she is a member of the Charmettes and the National Honor Society. Besides collecting dramatic readings, enjoying records and reading, she is a talented pianist. Miss Siggers plans to attend Howard university and pursue a career in law.

Other previously announced debutantes will be Miss Angela Griffin Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Owen, sr., of 1247 S. Parkway East, a senior at Hamilton High school, whose ambition is to study medicine and enter the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

Miss Owen is a talented ballet dancer and enjoys painting. She is a member of Jack and Jill of America, and the Library Science, Spanish, Music and FBPA clubs of her school. She has won first prize at Hamilton in the Brotherhood Essay Contest, Fix-up Poster Contest and honorable mention in the citywide advertising Essay Contest.

WAS IN JUBILEE Miss Lois Jean Hampton daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frayville Hampton, of 1498 Wabash ave., will also make her debut at the outstanding social event. She is also a senior at Hamilton high, was the second alternate to Miss Jubilee in the Cotton Makers Jubilee of 1957, and plans to attend Tennessee State university and eventually become a social worker. Her hobbies include designing her clothes and music.

Miss JoAnne Stewart Mayo, daughter of Mrs. Marion Mayo and the late Aaron Mayo of 1192 Wilson st., will be one of the 21 charming young ladies to make her formal bow. Miss Mayo is a senior at Father Bertrand, a member of The Van Detties, Glee Club and Big A of her school; and she is the secretary of the Sophomore class, a member of the Pep Squad and was also an alternate to Miss Jubilee, 1957. She will be a physical education major when she goes to college, and her hobbies are roller skating, tennis, typing and dancing.

ACTIVE DANSELS Another Kappa deb will be Miss Bettye Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of 1149 Hamilton, who is a senior at Melrose high school, a member of Charmettes and Orange Mound Junior Civic club, Miss Williams will attend St. Louis university, and plans to become a biology teacher.

Other lovely young ladies who will be presented are Miss Josephine Elizabeth Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Watkins of 1216 N. Watkins st., who is a senior at Manassas High school where she is a member of Personettes, the National Honor Society, and Bluff City Council of Junior Civic Clubs.

Miss Watkins' hobbies are reading, cooking and club work, and her talents include speaking and piano. She plans to attend Howard university, and has won the Seven-Up Achievement Award.

Miss Glensie Mae Thomas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Thomas of 1410 Wabash ave., school, where she was the Football Queen of 1957. She plans to attend LeMoine college, and her

ambition is to become a physical education teacher.

GOAL: CONCERT SINGER Also making her bow will be Miss Eleanor Jean Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cole of 865 Porter st., who is a senior at Booker T. Washington High school. Miss Cole enjoys the piano and sings, and her hobbies include swimming. She plans to major in music and would like to become a concert singer. She will attend Arkansas A. M. and N. college.

Miss Doris Elna Thomas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Thomas of 1312 Chelsea Avenue. She attends Douglas High school where she holds membership in Homemakers of America and Daughter of Douglas clubs. She was elected Miss Junior, 1956-57 and is presently Miss Douglas. Miss Thomas plans to attend LeMoine college and hopes to be either a home economics teacher or a singer.

Included in the debutante club of 1958 is Miss Alice Faye Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Harmon of 3016 Crystal ave., who is a senior at Booker T. Washington where she belongs to the BTW Hostess and BTW Motor clubs, Zinos and Debs social. Her many honors include second place honor in the Safety Speech contest, Princess of the Yuletide Revue, 1956, and was senior alternate to the BTW Football Queen, 1957. Miss Harmon plans to attend Tennessee State U. where she will major in dramatics and speech.

MAY BE A NURSE Another lovely debutante will be Miss Alma Patricia Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mason at Woodstock Training School. Miss Mason's hobbies include reading, stamp collecting and table tennis. At her school she is a member of the Glee Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Cheering Squad, NHA, and is a member of Deb Social club.

She plans to attend Tuskegee Institute, and later become a dermatologist or a nurse.

The Kappa Debutante Ball is considered one of the outstanding social events of the Spring social season.

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THE JACKSON SCENE

By Mrs. Anna Lee Cooke

TRENTON MISS TAKES TALENT CONTEST

Miss Mary Rose Rodgers, a sophomore at Rosenwald High School, captured first place with her beautiful vocal solo, "Morning" by Oley Speaks, at the second annual Musical Talent Contest sponsored by Theta Iota chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity on Friday, March 21, in the Lane college chapel.

Miss Rodgers, who has won several awards for her vocal talent, is the daughter of Mrs. Flora Rodgers—Howard of Trenton, Tenn., and the niece of Mrs. Mary Perkins of Jackson, Tenn.

Second place went to Miss Loretha Ann Robertson of McNairy County Training school, Selmer, Tenn., for her piano solo "Für Elise" by Beethoven; and third place went to Joe Louis Montgomery of Merry High school for his vocal solo "Where E'er You Walk" by Handel. They received \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively.

Other contestants were Miss Janice L. Bills of Allen White High school, Whiteville; John Elans, Gibson County Training school, Milan; Miss Larnell Bond and John Larry Turley of West High school, Denmark; Miss Bobbie J. Brown, Rosenwald High school, Trenton; Miss Cora Campbell, Montgomery High school, Lexington; and Miss Betty C. Richardson, Central High school, Paris, Tenn.

TO REPRESENT CHAPTER

Miss Rodgers will represent Theta Iota chapter of Omega's Talent Hunt program at the District Meeting in Memphis this spring. The idea of the Talent Hunt originated in the fraternity's Sixth District (North and South Carolina) in 1945, and the first Talent Hunt was staged in April, 1946.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA PRESENTS

Another spectacular event to take place on Saturday night was the Fashionette presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Gamma Alpha Omega chapter. In believing that "fashion must be forever new, or she becomes insipid," the latest in fashion was seen including the chemise, which is taking the day, and said by our noted fashion designers "is here to stay."

Participants in the Fashionette

Economists Of 26 Lands Plan Meet

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Home economists from 26 countries have already indicated their interest in attending the ninth International Congress of Home Economics to be held at the University of Maryland from July 28 through Aug. 2.

The American and Canadian Home Economics associations are hostesses for the Congress which is being held in North America for the first time. Sponsor for the Congress is the International Federation of Home Economics which has its headquarters in Paris.

Based on the Congress theme, "Education in Home Economics Relative to the Social and Economic Conditions of Individual Countries," some of the topics of the plenary sessions, which bring all the delegates together, will be "Social, Scientific and Technical Information Required for Effective Education in Home Economics," "The Role of Research in Obtaining Fundamental Data," and "The Contribution of Home Economics to the Position of Women in the World Today."

Delegates will also meet in small, informal group discussion sessions at which they will talk about such subjects as: how to improve rural family living through home economics education; how to train home economists; how to promote research in home economics; how to teach home economics to out-of-school youth and adults; and how to organize a program of home economics for a country.

Both hosts countries for the Congress are eager to have the home economists from other countries see home economics at work in North America. To do this, a pre-congress tour in the United States and post-congress tour in Canada have been arranged for the visitors.

Professional tours during the Congress will give the delegates an opportunity to see other places of home economics interest and to visit U. S. government agencies in Washington, D. C., just eight miles from the university campus.

To see how people live in the United States, the delegates from outside North America will be invited to spend an evening in an American home.

Words of the Wise

A dose of poison can do its work but once, but a bad book can go on poisoning minds for generations.

—(W. John Murray)

were from Henry, Fayette, Gibson, Tipton, Haywood, Carroll, Hardeman and Madison counties and they displayed the fashions beautifully along with special guest models, Mrs. Swazie and Mrs. Davidson of Memphis. The two noted ladies, one a designer, showed that the chemise can be worn from lounge time on.

Guest models from Jackson were Mrs. Thelma Compton (hats) and Mrs. Shirley Williams (daytime wear.)

BEST DRESSED WOMAN NAMED

We simply can't forget about the kiddies who were extra cute in the latest attire for daytime and party wear as well as the adorable teen-agers.

A most waited-for announcement was "The Ten Best Dressed Women" in this area. Presented from Jackson was Mrs. Marie Penn, dean of women at Lane college; from Paris, Tenn., Mrs. Evelyn Howell; Gibson County, Mrs. A. B. Roe; Tipton County, Mrs. L. Halley; Fayette County, Miss Vennie Scates; Hardeman County, Mrs. Nellie Stewart; and Miss Crinna Barksdale (not present) from Haywood County. Also not represented were Carroll, Crockett and Lauderdale Counties.

These ladies were selected by popular vote in the various counties.

CRITERION BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

St. Patrick decorations of the noted green were quite vivid in the lovely home of Mrs. Annie M. Bond when she entertained the Criterion Bridge club last Thursday evening. Those feasted with the delicious menu of tuna salad on lettuce, green sandwiches, apple and Shamrock cookies with piping hot tea were Mesdames Vera Brooks, Bernice Lucas, Royal E. Cunningham, Georgia Atkins, Merrietta Hughes, Gertrude Ford, Luella Bell Martin, Fannie Dobbins, Miss Phony Granberry and your scribe. Mrs. Alene Maney was guest at the meeting. Prizes went to Mesdames Lucas, Hughes and Martin.

The Interdenominational Council of Ministers' wives had their Annual Shamrock Party Thursday evening, March 20, in the Fellowship Room of the St. Paul CME church. The room was beautifully decorated in green and white. Many games were played and the program committee headed by Mrs. C. D. Coleman presented a very inspiring program. The social committee consisting of Mesdames Terry, Cunningham and McKinnon served fine sherbet, cakes, cookies and minis.

The party was sponsored by the Project Committee headed by Mrs. Marie Penn. Everyone present had a splendid time and especially enjoyed Little Miss Gwendolyn Davis, special soloist at the affair. Mrs. J. A. Adams is the very efficient president of the group.

MEN OBSERVE DAY
The men of the First Baptist church observed the 17th annual Men's Day on last Sunday, the men being in charge of service for the entire day. The theme used for the day was "Looking Forward Not Backwards." The 11 a. m. sermon was preached by the regular pastor, Rev. W. G. Terry.

At the afternoon service at 3:30 p. m., the message was delivered by Rev. B. G. Ragdale, pastor of St. James Baptist church, Humboldt, Tenn. He spoke on the subject, "Man, Where Have You Stopped With Christ?" Accompanying him were the members of the St. James choir and other loyal members who came here in spite of the rain. The Men's Choir of First Baptist furnished the music for the day.

Serving as general chairman for the day was Mr. Jesse Massey who had the assistance of Mr. Ausie Brooks, as general secretary. The day proved to be a great success.

It is never too early to begin thinking about a career and making the necessary preparation to go into the field of work you have chosen. Realizing this, students at Meery High school, grades 9 through 12, and all eighth grade students from the city elementary schools, became more acquainted with their interested vocations on last Friday, March 21, when Career Day was staged at the school.

The day, under the direction of W. P. Newbern, instructor in industrial Co-op, assisted by the Minister's Alliance, proved successful as the students were able to consult with competent person in the various fields of work.

On March 24 and 25 I had the pleasure of attending the Career Conference on the Campus of Lane college, Monday was College Day and Tuesday, High School Day. The theme was "A Planned Career in a New Age." Again, students who are hearing the completion of readiness for life's work discussed possibilities, opportunities, salaries, etc., in their chosen profession.

Keynote speaker for both days was Atty. James Frank Estes, of Memphis, Tenn., who is a graduate of Lane college and a native Jacksonian.

Attorney Estes thrilled both audiences with his wonderful addresses, another one of Lane's sons she is proud of.

General Career Conference chairman was Mrs. Essie M. Perry, dept. of education.



OSIRIS SOCIETY:—The members of the newly organized "Osiris Society" and their guests enjoyed a gay cocktail party Saturday, March 22, held at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie F. Bell of 319 Jensen Road. The affair was the first one given by the Society. Members of the group are

seen, seated, left to right: Mary Bell, Mrs. Erma Moore, Mrs. Alice Ruth Minor; Standing, left to right: Mrs. Rosie N. Porter, Mrs. Barbara Jones and Mrs. Vera Clark. Mrs. Flora Simmons and Mrs. Bettie Stansbury were not present, but are members of the organization. (Withers Photo)

AKAs In Baton Rouge For Regional Meeting

The 26th Southeastern Regional Meeting of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will be held in Baton Rouge, La., on Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5. The session will begin on Friday morning at 8:00 a. m.

The region encompasses the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and the cities of Baton Rouge and New Orleans in Louisiana.

Presiding as regional director will be Miss Lois Daniel, head librarian at Tennessee A and I State university. Registration will be held from 8:00 until 10:00 a. m. at the Buchanan Elementary school at 1222 East Buchanan in Baton Rouge.

One of the first programs to be presented will be a basil conference, and of particular interest will be a panel taken from the White House Conference entitled, "Inspiring and Preparing Youth to Meet Expanding Job Opportunities."

On Friday night, at 8:00 p. m., the sorority members will be addressed at the Mt. Zion Baptist church by Dr. Henry J. Payton, of the Greater Abyssinia Baptist church in Cleveland, Ohio.

On Saturday morning, the supreme basileus, Mrs. Arnetta Wallace, will give a speech on

the subject, "Essential Organizational Structure for a New Era of Service," and in the afternoon a workshop session will be held to discuss chapter programs and finance as related to the local regional and the Boule, sorority relationships, interfraternal relations and by-laws.

The sorority's formal banquet will be held on that evening at the Greenville Elementary school, and the speaker is scheduled to be Dr. Mary Clay Pinkston, of Tennessee A and I university.

Other Greek organizations in the area are extending courtesies to the AKAs. The Epsilon Xi Sigma chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority will maintain a snack bar at session headquarters, and a luncheon will be given for the visitors on both days through the courtesies of the Deltas, Zetas, Kappas, and Sigmas.

Cocktails after the banquet will be furnished through the courtesy of the Alphas and Omegas, and flowers furnished by Kappa and Omega wives.

Miss Daniel, the regional director of the organization, along with Mrs. Julia B. Purnell, basileus of the entertaining Gamma Eta Omega chapter, are expecting a large number of their sorors to be present for the occasion, preceding the Easter holiday.



With LEODA GAMMON

FRESH ASPARAGUS A SIGN OF SPRING

Garden fresh asparagus is a welcome sign of spring. Your produce market should have an abundant supply by this time of the year, or perhaps your own garden will be yielding a crop soon. Whatever the source, take advantage of the availability of this delicate flavored vegetable while you can.

Asparagus is so versatile that it may be served in many ways. Cook

it until just tender and drench with butter; grill it and marinate for a salad; or serve on buttered toast covered with a rich sauce for a luncheon dish. Here's a recipe for Asparagus with Cheese Sauce which will make a delicious side dish for a company occasion.

ASPARAGUS WITH CHEESE SAUCE
2 pounds fresh asparagus
1-4 cup butter
1-4 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
Few grains pepper
2 cups milk
1 cup shredded sharp cheese
Chopped parsley

Snap off tough ends of asparagus; discard. Wash tips, cover with boiling salted water and boil uncovered 15-20 minutes until tender. Drain. Melt butter in top of double boiler; blend in flour, salt and pepper. Add milk slowly and cook, stirring constantly until thick. Add cheese and stir until mixture blends. Pour sauce over well-drained asparagus arranged on server. Or serve asparagus and sauce separately. Garnish with chopped parsley, if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

NOTE: For another version, asparagus may be put on oven-proof server, topped with sauce, sprinkled with Parmesan cheese and broiled several minutes.

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Sigmas Give A 'Pick-Up Party' For Members

A "Sigma Pick-up party" was held last week at the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority house on Saxon st., and nearly forty members of the organization were on hand to join in the fun.

Any member who lacked transportation had only to call a member of the driving committee, and a car was dispatched in her direction to bring her to the scene of gaiety. Many games were played, and prizes given to winners.

A special feature of the evening was an impromptu program. Mrs. Eldora Ames gave a humorous reading, and was interrupted several times by outbursts of laughter from the audience.

Vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Mattie Ruth Hasten, Imogene Hill and Germaine Ball.



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Waldorf Salad
Coffee (for you and Dad)
Milk (small-fry)

CREPE NICHOLAS

1 C. Jack Sprat enriched wheat flour
2 eggs
1 tsp. salt
1 C. milk
Mix flour and salt, add milk and stir until perfectly smooth. Add eggs and heat thoroughly. Heat 5 inch or other small frying pan. Grease with few drops of oil and pour in just enough batter to cover pan with very thin layer. Tilt

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pan so that mixture spreads evenly when cooked on one side, toss or turn with spatula and cook on other side. Cook pancakes one by one. On each pancake place one tablespoon chopped cooked chicken. Roll up and arrange close together in shallow baking dish. When ready to serve pour over

piping hot cheese sauce and brown slightly in broiler.

CHEESE SAUCE: Add 2-4 C. mild cheese grated or cut in cubes to 1 recipe of white sauce. Reheat in double boiler until cheese melts.

Bye for now,

Jana Porter

Talented Youth From Memphis' Junior High And High Schools Appear On Big Star Show



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RUSS CORNER

by Russ J. Cowans

TAKE THE SHOW OFF THE ROAD

Sugar Ray has won the middleweight crown for the fifth time, and regained it for the fourth time since he beat Jake LaMotta to a bloody pulp on the night of Feb. 14, 1951, to win it the first time.

This is unprecedented in the history of boxing. The old axiom declares emphatically that champions do not come back. Robinson has knocked that old adage out the window. He not only has regained the coveted laurels, but this is the fourth time he has accomplished the almost unbelievable.

There are some writers who are convinced that the badly damaged left eye in the fifth round provided the main means by which Sugar achieved his victory. They point out that the damaged optic prevented Basilio from observing punches on his blind side.

It is true that Basilio was handicapped because of the damaged eye, but it is also true that Robinson was bothered with a cold which he caught two days prior to the fight. The cold-bothered Sugar throughout the fight, and hampered him in his efforts to dispose of the rugged fighter from Chittinanga, N. Y.

I'm not attempting to belittle Basilio, although I do not consider him a fighter to be listed among the great champions of the middleweight division. The former champion is beyond doubt one of the most rugged battlers ever to crawl between the ropes, and he has a stout heart.

Although he was suffering painfully from the damaged eye, Basilio never stopped trying to slip through Robinson's defense and put over the punch that would enable him to retain the title he won from Ray last September in a 15-round title bout in Yankee stadium.

Basilio began forcing the fight at the start, but in the fifth he ran into a hard right that stopped him temporarily. When the fighters opened hostilities in the sixth, Basilio's left eye was almost closed. By the end of the round it was closed tight.

From the sixth on Robinson continued to concentrate his attack on the bruised and puffed eye. That he did a devastating job is proved by Basilio's stay in a Chicago hospital for more than a week, while doctors worked on the eye in an effort to prevent loss of sight.

But there was a big surprise for the fans on those rounds of the battle. Ray seemed stronger than Basilio in the fourteenth and fifteenth rounds. He was able to connect with some good blows in those two rounds.

All through the fight Robinson missed more with his right than I've seen in most of his fights between his second battle with LaMotta and the one last Tuesday night. He later said Basilio is not

only a rugged fighter, but also a tough target to hit.

"Basilio is one of the toughest fighters I've ever faced," said Sugar. "He and LaMotta are two tough fighters."

Robinson was "bone tired" after the fight. He was completely spent after the 15 rounds of battle.

Since losing the middleweight title to Randy Turpin in 1951, Sugar has regained it four times. He beat Turpin in a return bout in New York, before retiring. He came back and stopped Carl "Bo" Olson to recapture the laurels.

He then lost it to Gene Fullmer in New York on Jan. 2, 1957, but came back on May 1 and stopped him in the fifth round of a title bout in Chicago stadium. Last Tuesday night he beat Basilio in the same ring.

Chicago is a lucky city for Robinson. He won the middleweight title here, and regained it here three times.

At the same time Chicago is not so lucky for Basilio. He's never won a fight in the Windy city, and it was here that Johnny Saxton dethroned him as welterweight king in 1952.

Back in 1952 Basilio made his first appearance in a Chicago ring, losing a 10-rounder to Chuck Davey, on July 16, and a little over a month later was beaten by Billy Graham in the same ring.

After dropping the decision to Saxton, Basilio and his handlers said he would never fight in Chicago again.

But the fight last Tuesday night offered too much cash for Carmen and his handlers to refuse. He and Robinson drew a fat gate here, plus the receipts from the theatres in 114 cities throughout the country. It was a profitable evening for both fighters, an evening that brought more money into Basilio's purse than he could have made with any other challenger.

It has been thus with all of Robinson's title bouts in which he regained the crown. Turpin had a big pay day, and so did Olson and Fullmer.

Robinson is asking \$600,000 to defend his middleweight crown against Basilio, which seems to be saying, with cash, that he has no intentions of defending the crown. That would be a smart move.

Robinson has regained the crown four times, a most remarkable feat. But he cannot continue looking and regaining it. He proved in his latest battle that he could easily be taken by a good young fighter. He does not possess the skill and ability that was once his.

In other words, it's about time Robinson took the show off the road. It has paid well, but the actors are getting old and decrepit. He has made the money, and there's no need to risk the chance of having his once lithe body dragged out of the ring, a knockout victim of a brash young upstart.

Bad Cold Plagued Ray During Fight

By RUSS J. COWANS

"I don't want to be bothered by any one."

That was Sugar Ray Robinson's reply to a question about future bouts in defense of the middleweight title he regained for the fourth time, by gaining a split decision over Carmen Basilio in a 15-round title bout at Chicago stadium, Tuesday night.

Basilio is the same guy who dethroned Robinson in a 15-round in Yankee stadium, last September.

"I'm just dead tired," continued the new champion as he lounged on a sofa while preparations were being made to depart for his home in New York.

CAUGHT IT SUNDAY

"In addition, I'm suffering from a head cold, a cold I had when I went into the ring Tuesday night. I caught it Sunday, and for a time I wanted to have the bout postponed."

Did the cold bother you during the fight? Sugar was asked.

"Yes, it bothered me throughout the battle," the new champion replied. "I still feel it because I'm sore all over my body."

Robinson was handed a telegram from a promoter in Caracas, Venezuela, who wants him to fight in the South American country.

"Right now I couldn't fight a fly," said Ray as he watched his luggage being taken from his suite on the sixth floor of the Conrad Hilton. There were more than 50 pieces, including those of his wife and his sister.

A husky young fellow stood with his back to the door, questioning all who applied for entrance.

AMONG HIS PALS

In the big room were a large gathering of friends—Dr. and Mrs. Bennett from Detroit; Pat Brooks, co-manager Harold "Killer" Johnson, Spider Webb, and several of his trainers.

Honey Brewer, the Robinson trainer and brother-in-law who was ejected from Basilio's corner during the period between the first and second rounds, was looting on a sofa. When asked what caused his ejection, Brewer said, "I protested the use of a salve on Basilio's face by his handlers."

Ray got up to answer a phone call.

"I'm still sore," he said as he dragged himself to the phone.

"Yes, but your soreness is not as bad as that damage eye Basilio has," cracked one of his friends.

Liberians Seek To Oust U. S. Dr. John B. West

MONROVIA, Liberia — (ANP) — Col. John B. West, an American citizen and physician who has been engaged in private practice in Monrovia for the past ten or more years, has run afoul of Liberian law.

A report made by a committee of the House of Representatives has reported that Dr. West has been "conclusively guilty of participating in the Common Carriage business contrary to the statutory laws of the Republic."

OPERATES TAXIS AND TRUCKS

The law, designed to protect Liberians who engage in some lines of business, declares that only Liberian citizens may engage in the trucking or taxicab business. The complaint by the legislative committee headed by Rep. J. D. Bing which investigated the matter, is that Dr. West owns and operates taxicabs and trucks under the names of several Liberians



CLOSE FINISH — Four of Tennessee State university's sprinters were bunched at the finish of the 100-yard dash at the annual national AAU indoor meet at Akron, Ohio, last week. Barbara Jones, a Chicago girl who was member of the 1952 U. S. Olympic team, was the winner, followed by Martha Hudson (left), Lucinda Williams (center), and Alfrances Lyman.

Top Scorer Wins All-State Berth

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The highest scoring high school basketball player in United States history, forward Charlie Vaughn of

Tamms, headed the six-man 1958 Champaign News-Gazette all-state prep basketball team.

Teamed with the 6-2 Tamms ace on the first squad are forward Frank Burks of Wells, Chicago.

Vaughn, in his four years as a regular scored 3,358 points, the highest total ever recorded in prep school play. The 18-year-old senior played 105 games to rack up a whopping 32-point per game average.

Termed by downstate coaches the greatest high school performer since Dike Eddleman, Vaughn possesses a deadly jump shot and a .496 shooting percentage for his prep career.

This season, he hit .521 from the floor, scoring 1,052 points in 29 games for a 36.3 average.

Burks, a 6-4 forward from Chicago who was rated the Windy City's finest performer.

Burks not only was a great scorer, averaging 26.9 points per game, but an outstanding rebounder, a good floor man and a fine defensive ball player.

YMCA Course For Office Workers

A new course in "Stenographic Review" will be offered at Central YMCA Secretarial school, 19 S. LaSalle st., on a Saturday afternoon schedule, beginning April 12, 1 p. m.

The course, to run for eight weeks, will be conducted as a workshop to help people prepare for better jobs. Students who have used the Gregg shorthand system will be taught the new way to build transcription and typing speed and accuracy.

won the basketball throw with a toss of 135 feet 9 inches, and won the shot put with a heave of 49 feet, 6 inches.

Pearl High Wins Prep Cage Title

EARL S. CLANTON, III

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Home-

town Pearl prep cagers waltzed off with the 14th National High School basketball championship last Saturday night to become the first Tennessee prep squad to capture the coveted crown.

Coach of the year W. J. Gupton's Pearl Tigers used a last quarter spurt to outlast Carver (Dothan, Ala.) five, 69-58, winding up the three-day national tourney. Trail-

ing 29-31 at intermission and the knotted 46-46 at the end of the third period, Pearl's Ronnie Lawson "most valuable player," and Billy Ransom set a blistering

third-stanza pace to net Pearl their first legon the three-leg silver Henry A. Kean National trophy.

Pearl led with three on the all-tourney team as six of the nine teams were represented on the ten-man squad: First team: Charles Hardrell, Carver Vocational, Atlanta; Willie Thomas, Phillips Wheatley, Apopka, Fla.; and Joseph Girard, St. Augustine, New Orleans. Second Team: Warren Reynolds, Carver, Dothan, Ala.; James Walker, Pearl; Gerald Williams, St. Augustine; Frank Browning, Carver Atlanta; and Bill Ransom, Pearl.

Sugar Wins Title For 5th Time

By RUSS J. COWANS

Sugar Ray Robinson has proved himself the "miracle man" of boxing. He proved this beyond reasonable doubt when he defeated rugged Carmen Basilio to win the middleweight boxing crown for the fifth time. It was the fourth time that he had regained it, a feat unequaled in ring history.

Since joining the professionals in 1940, Robinson has worked his magic on numerous occasions, and in the past five or six years he has worked his wonders so often that there is no ground on which to question the power of his wand.

At the ripe old age of 37, an age when most fighters have agreed to hang up their boxing gloves and rest on what laurels they have achieved, Robinson, the Harlem Dandy, has become the middleweight champion again. How long he will retain his laurels is rife with speculation.

Last Jan. 2, 1957, Robinson lost his middleweight crown to Gene Fullmer, but on May 1 he stopped Fullmer in the fifth round of a bout in Chicago stadium. Four months later he had lost it to Basilio in a 15-round title bout in Yankee stadium.

After his defeat Robinson was urged by friends to lay aside his gloves, but the man who was born Walker Smith in Detroit on May 3, 1921, brushed the suggestions aside, laughing off the charges that he had succumbed to age.

He proved he was right Tuesday night when he practically made a butchering target of Basilio, making mockery of the old adage that "they never come back."

Robinson was unable to put over the finish against Basilio, although he blasted the ex-champion from Chittinanga, N. Y., with blinding lefts to the face. In the fifth round Ray closed Basilio's left eye with a stinging right.

RAY WAS TIRED

Robinson was a tired fighter at the end of 15 rounds, but so was Basilio, a fighter with a reputation for his great stamina and recuperative powers. However, Basilio was under a severe disadvantage from the fifth round on because of the closed left eye.

When the split verdict was announced, giving Robinson the decision and regaining the middleweight title for him, one of the visiting journeymen writers said: "He has worked his magic again."

But regaining the middleweight crown is not a new venture for Robinson. He lost the crown to Randy Turpin in London in 1951, but less than two months later he kayoted Turpin in a return bout in New York.

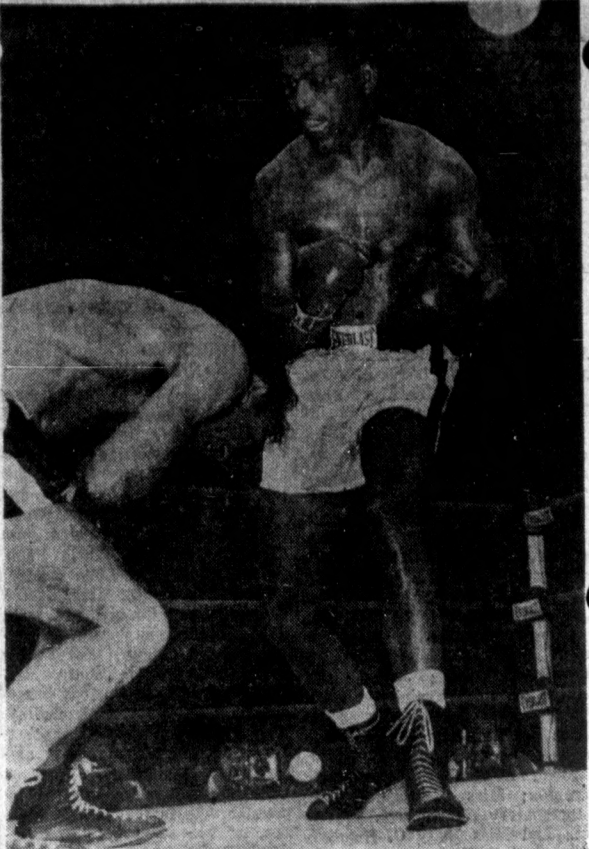
He retired after collapsing in a title bout with light-heavyweight champion Joey Maxim, but returned to the ring in 1954.

"They all said I shouldn't come back, they all said I could never do it," said Robinson. "When I did win the championship from Bobo Olson, I didn't get the honor I had coming to me. When the referee raised my hand in victory and I knew I had done what no man had ever done before, I started to cry."

"I was sure I'd get 'fighter of the year' out of it. Instead, they all belittled Olson. They'd been calling him a great fighter before, they'd made him a 4-1 favorite, but after it was over they decided he was really a bum."

Many called the second-round knockout a lucky punch. But although Ray's devastating speed and nifty combinations had lost some zing, his punch was still very much in evidence.

He kayoted Olson in four the following year, lost the title on a



LOW BRIDGE — Carmen Basilio weaves and bobs as he rushes in to avoid the punches of Sugar Ray Robinson, in their 15-round title bout at Chicago stadium, last Tuesday night.

Robinson won the split decision to regain the middleweight crown for the fourth time. He lost to Basilio last September in New York. (Defender photo.)

Willie Kirkland Wins Giant Post

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Willie Kirkland, in the future books of the San Francisco Giants, is classified as the club's fourth-place hitter.

In the long range plans, he is to be No. 2 man of the Giants' one-two punch. No. 1? The other Willie, of course, Willie Mays.

In spring training camp games, Kirkland has been hitting second in the batting order.

RIGNEY LIKES LINEUP

"Mostly because he'll get up more times and get more chances to swing," said Manager Bill Rigney. "I'm beginning to like the lineup that way as long as Hank Sauer is hitting."

"But I want Willie — Kirkland, that is — to back up Mays. That combination will be the key to our attack."

"Kirkland is a left-handed hitter. When we have men on base and Mays comes up, pitchers on the other clubs will think twice before they walk Mays if Kirkland is hitting behind him."

"Other managers will take a look at that percentage. They'll see a big left-handed hitter waiting behind Mays and with a right-handed pitcher they may rather pitch to Mays than put him, and another possible run on base and pitch to Kirkland."

SUGAR A THREAT

Rigney doesn't plan that Kirkland will have the cleanup job himself. Sauer, when he is on his stick, is a threat. So is Bobby Thomson when the spell come over him as it has often this spring.

In the past, couple of games here, the long Scot from New York has belted one 430-foot triple and another 386 feet.

With a strong hitter following Mays, Willie The First will get more chances to swing, presumably more hits and few bases on balls. According to this line of reasoning the development of a strong fourth-place hitter will add not one, but two strong bats to the Giants' attack — his own and that of W. Mays.

When the Giants sold Don Mueller, a fixture in right field since 1950, to the Chicago White Sox, Rigney made it plain that Kirkland was his successor.

Dozen Stitches Taken In Carmen Basilio's Eye

Former middleweight boxing champion Carmen Basilio, informed that his left eye, injured in his fight Tuesday night with Sugar Ray Robinson, will heal

perfectly, will be released from Chicago's Wesley Memorial hospital within a week.

Dr. Richard A. Perritt, eye specialist who took a dozen stitches in the cut left eyelid Thursday, said the boxer who lost his title to Sugar Ray Robinson should be able to resume fighting "as soon as he feels strong enough."

Perritt said Basilio of Syracuse, N. Y., suffered four lacerations in the eyelids but added no injury took place to the eye ball or retina.

Basilio kept fighting for 10 rounds after his eye was completely closed early in the title fight.

Sugar Wants \$600,000 For Return Basilio Bout

Sugar Ray Robinson's price for a third go with Carmen Basilio is \$600,000.

Arriving from Chicago by train with the middleweight champion Thursday, Sugar's attorney, Martin J. Machat, disclosed that Ray will demand that much of a guarantee for the next title defense.

"Ray and I discussed the situation thoroughly on the train," said Machat, "and he came to the conclusion that, since his

total purse from all sources for last September's defense exceeded \$600,000, he certainly will not consider less than that this time."

The demands may prove excessive since Basilio, now an equal drawing card, has hinted "he'll not settle for the slender slice he did as the original challenger. Carmen came down from 25 to 20 per cent for the first meeting.



NEW CHAMPION — Sugar Ray Robinson won the middleweight boxing championship for the fifth time Tuesday night when he defeated Car-

men Basilio in a 15-round title bout at Chicago stadium. Here Robinson's hand is raising in victory by Ben Bentley, ring announcer. Others in the pic-

ture, left to right are: Harry Wiley, trainer; Harold "Killer" Johnson, one of Robinson's managers, and Robinson's secretary.



BACK HOME — Sugar Ray Robinson, who regained the middleweight boxing crown for the fourth time, last Tuesday night in Chicago stadium, arrives in New York enroute to

his home in Riverdale, N. Y. Left to right in his group are: George Gainsford, one of Robinson's managers; Marie Brewer, sister of the champ; Robinson and Mrs. Edna Mae

Robinson, his wife. Basilio, who suffered a "massive hemorrhage" around his left eye in the fight, was still in a hospital in Chicago for treatment and observations.

Stork Stops

"In Bluff City"

Born at John Gaston Hospital
March 23, 1958

A son, James Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. William Agnew of 519 Carpenter.

A son, John Carlton, to Mr. and Mrs. Orlis Russell of 703 McKinley.

A daughter, Jessie Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Willis of 1441 Deatur.

A son, Percy Henry, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Reed of 202 Driver.

A son, Aaron Leon, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Leavy of 850 Olympic.

A daughter, Annette, to Mr. and Mrs. Ester Mason of 1930 Getwell.

A son, Alton Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. Conley T. Peyton of 3320 Forrester.

A son, A. T. Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Pruitt of 335 N. Dunlap.

A son, Bryon Monroe, to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lewis of 1194 Capital.

A daughter, Toni LaSha, to Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt T. Adams of 245 Mill.

A son, Larry C., to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Woods of 1516 Rozell.

A son, Louis Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson of 1719 Marble.

A daughter, Sharon Denise, to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Catron of 893 Trig.

A son, Robert Anthony, to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Caldwell of 237 Beale.

A son, Neamiah, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Patterson of 1338 Arkansas.

A daughter, Sandra Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of 1343 Adelaide.

A son, Davis Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Virlee Towns of 1504 Ga-

bay.
A daughter, Jacqueline Denise, to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Walton of 989 Montgomery.

A son, Bradford Munsel, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Robinson of 124 Vaal.

Twin son and daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Lusius Partee of 1538 Carpenter.

March 25, 1958
A son, Johnny Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Blue of 225 Ingram.

A son, Donald Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washington of 994 S. Driver.

A son, Bruce Wiley, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jeffries of 1891 E. Person.

March 26, 1958
A son, Tony, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Allen of 598 Beale.

A son, Gregory, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Willie Davis of 619 Driving Park ct.

A daughter, Barbara Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thompson of 957 Indiana.

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Evans of 126 N. Watkins.

A son, Thomas Henry, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Loving of 731 Hamilton.

March 27, 1958
A son, Odias Angelo, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Odias A. Fulton of 1662 Lake Grove rd.

A daughter, Carolyn Delores, to Mr. and Mrs. Wavely T. Eason of 2422 Spottswood.

A daughter, Gwendolyn, to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Joyner of 1474 Lydia.

A son, Ralph, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. McIntyre of 2499 Winchester.

A son, Leon, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickson of 1066 Delaware.

A son, Donald Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker of 424 Leath.

A daughter, Gloria Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Johnson of 407 N. Third.

A daughter, Susan Mons, to Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman of 737 Mississippi.

A daughter, Phyllis Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawkins of 1258 Nicholas.

A son, Ford Lurice, to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bobo of 3208 Ford rd.

A son, Randy, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell of 693 N. Fifth.

A son, John Eddie, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Poindexter of 2984 Germantown rd.

A son, Wendell Marlow, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cummings of 1509 Kerr.

A daughter, Gwendolyn Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester M. Young of 800 Nonconah.

March 28, 1958
A son, Alvin Earl, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunt of 998 Alaska.

A son, Michael Anthony, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Stewart of 1750 Kansas.

A son, Wilbur, to Mr. and Mrs. John Perry of 946 Porter.

A son, Rickey, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jordan of 2235 Clarksdale.

A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Rice of 264 Leath.

A daughter, Debra Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Drummond of 1082 Mosby.

Twin daughters, Dorene and Darlene, to Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Jones of 3010 Chelsea.

A son, Terence Wesley, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jackson of 579 Marble.

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. James Hooks of 687 Whittington.

A daughter, Lavon, to Mr. and Mrs. Asberry Reed of 84 Armstrong.

A son, Leo Miles, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ruffin of 871 Majestic.

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CLUB SPONSORS RECITAL
The Progressive Women's Club of Earle, Ark., sponsored a musical recital last week at the DuBar High school library of that city. Members of the club competed for the title of Club Queen in raising the highest amount of money for the affair. The honor was won by Mrs. Bennie Ruth McCorkie shown seated front center. Shown in front row, left to right: Mrs. Dollie Jones, Mrs. Amanda Paige, Mrs. McCorkie (Queen), Mrs. Florence McKihey, and Mrs. Ava Greer. Standing rear, same order: Mesdames Minnie Milton, Mrs. R. Wash, A. B. Williams, Florida Dancy, Blundell Johnigan, Elira Comb, and Exle Lee Snipes. Mrs. Linnie Hinton is president of the club, Mrs. C. E. Draper parliamentarian and Mrs. E. M. Smith, chaplain.



JUBILECT ROYALTY — Surrounded by her court is Miss Annette Johnson, a senior at Melrose High school, who was selected as "Miss Jubilect" of 1958. The members of her court, from left, are Misses Emma Burns, a sophomore at Father Bertrand Parochial school; Bobbie McGhee, a senior at Booker T. Washington High school; and Ernestine Wright, a senior at Douglas High school.

Tri-City News Dyer, Rutherford, Trenton

With all these Sun-less days we are having, activity has certainly slowed down around the Tri-cities. However we are certainly looking forward to having better weather and much more activity.

The Beau-Ideal Beauticians club held its regular meeting last Tuesday night. A-3c Tommie D. Hooker plans to return to his base in California this week end. A-3c Hooker attended the Workshop of the Dyersburg District in its final setting at Ripley this week. He has also been visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Hooker of Trenton, Son, Derrick, has cut a new tooth for Dad's visit.

FAMILY NIGHT
The Old Ideal Quintet sang several beautiful numbers at the Dyer PTA meet last week. The attendance has improved and the interest is very high among the patrons. Principal Carnes and President Mrs. Burns are right proud of the interest shown.

The Rosenwald PTA met last week, and selected Mrs. Moore as their representative to attend the State PTA which convenes in Jackson in April. The Rutherford PTA held its regular meeting and this group is planning a Family Night Affair to be held in the near future.

The Dyer CME church will present an Easter Program on Easter Sunday. The Fairview Baptist church presented an Easter Cantata at the church on Sunday night last under the direction of Mrs. Edmonia Skinner. Rev. D. E. Bridgeman and Mrs. Skinner were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williams.

The C. P. church was the happy recipient of a hundred dollar donation by the Dyer Box Factory this week. Rev. William Fowkes is the pastor. Several of the members of this church attended the Presbytery that was held near Dyersburg last week. Mrs. Bobbie Harris appeared on the Missionary program, discussing, "Why We Should Have Missionary Societies." Her paper was selected for "The Flag," the official paper of the church.

The funeral of the late Sam Sanderford will be held Sunday.

The sick list is still the most prominent news item. Influenza, measles, sinus, sore throat and now chicken pox are the leading ills.

Walter Belmont is still hospitalized and is reported critically ill. His daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Pauline McCandless and Kathryn Faye Guiden, came home from Indianapolis, to be with him.

Mrs. Sue Ivory, commonly known as "Aunt Sue," who resides with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Booker, is very ill.

Mrs. E. L. Wynn has been very ill at her home this week. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fields, Jr., are the proud parents of a second son that was born on Monday night last. Mother and son are reported as doing nicely.

Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson has improved much from her serious illness, as has Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skinner.

The Dyer CME Missionary Society was happy to have Mrs. Will Sewell as a guest in their meeting Mon. night. The Brownsville District is all set up for their annual district meet of choir and ushers on Palm Sunday. The meeting is to be held at Martin Tabernacle CME church in Trenton, pastored by the Rev. A. J. Buckley of Paris, Tenn.

AT WORKSHOPS
Those attending the workshops throughout have been Mrs. Carrie Harris, Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, Mrs. Lucy Overall, Mrs. Farrah Ivie, Miss Joanne Booker and your scribe. Others attending at intervals have been James Williams, Mrs. Carrie Ball, Messrs. Johnnie Jamison, J. D. Overall, Sid Cooke, Dewey Corley, Eddie Ball, and Willie Wynn, Jerry Wynn and Rebecca Phillips and John Etta Jamison.

The workshops have been held by the CME board of Christian Education of the Dyersburg District, West Tenn. Annual Conference.

Those serving as leaders in this event have been Rev. J. C. Hulsum, P. E.; Rev. T. M. Smith, Rev. W. C. Rogers, Prof. S. E. Moore, Mrs. Farrah Ivie, Rev. B. F. Harris, Mrs. M. L. Hamilton and Mrs. Alberta Jamison.

Mrs. Verner Smith has recently

Talent Displayed In Jubilect Production

The annual Jubilect which was staged here recently in the crowded south hall of Ellis auditorium was a colorful event.

Nat D. Williams, whose genius is expressed in various and sundry activities gave a masterful performance, and was assisted in the stage direction by WDIA's Honeyboy.

First to be presented on the program was the Washingtonaires orchestra in a "Prelude in Swing." It was followed by the ZoZo club, and representatives of the city's several clubs engaged in a Rock and Roll countdown. The wide skirts and black blouses which were worn by the group were beautiful.

Much entertainment was furnished by the Jewels and Marquettes quartettes, and three Manassas High school students displayed excellent talent in "A Tap and A Word," while a fourth student read.

Mrs. Calveria Ishmael, chairman of Jubilect Royalty was absent on account of illness, but it was capably represented by Mrs. Zack Lightower, a popular Hyde Park school teacher, who presented the group.

Mrs. Yvonne Exum and Miss Eurline Couch, of Porter Junior High school, produced a unique dance routine to the tune, "Love Me or Leave Me." Their costumes were conversational pieces, and it was interesting to learn that they had dyed their own footlets.

First citizens were presented by Miss Erma Clanton, and among the group were Dr. R. Q. and Ethyl H. Venson, who conceived the idea for this now internationally famous celebration, the Memphis Cotton Maker's Jubilect.

The second part of the show was presented by several high school groups, the Kanes, and was also devoted to the presentation of "Miss Jubilect."

The Lester School's "Ballet in Bronze," was directed by Miss Evelyn Babsby, and a "Stroll in Fashion," presented by Mrs. Helen Waterford, of Hamilton High school.

Miss Barbara Griffin, the 1957 "Miss Jubilect," relinquished her title to lovely and petite Annette Johnson, a beauty from Melrose High school. First alternate is Bobbie McGhee, of Booker T. Washington High school, and the second alternate, Emma Burns, an exciting representative of the Bonadass Social club.

The third alternate is a pretty senior of Douglas High school, Ernestine Wright. Lois Hampton was selected as the official representative of Hamilton High school.

Junior honor students are: Larry Webster, Felton Earls, Betty Bell, Velma Bryant, Doris Dorsey, Ester Peppers, Ladell Patterson, Jeanette St. Clair, Laina Taylor, Maxine Robinson and Maxine Barnes.

Senior honor students are: Arthur Simmons, Jenny Catherine Marr, Edward Mayhew, Isaac Spencer, Sammie Burnett, Mary Cooper, Eugenia Greene, Hardin Jones, Robble Mangum, Velma Lacey, Deloris Curtis and Marie Lacey.

Tenth grade honors went to: Willie Chapman, Otis Hayes, Ola Mae Reed, Herbert Woody, Rivers Mangum, Mary Mayhew, Saniella Cole, Amy Gray, Vera Jean Troy, Samuel A. Lusk, Seland Hubbard, Zenobia McClora, Luvenia Clayton, Nancy Sutton, Willie Dee Collins, Carrie Jackson, Eleanor Addison, Mona L. Brooks, Beverly Kirlou, Georgia Hodges and Clara Partee.

Most talented girl, Emma P. Watkins; Most talented boy, Herbert Marshall; school girl look, Lolita Winston; school boy look, Fredrick Hooks; Most studious boy, Herbert Woody; Most studious girl, Mona Brooks; Most popular girl, Eleanor Addison; Most popular boy, Tyrone Patterson; Most attractive girls, Dorothy Nubia and Dorothy Bibbs; Most handsome lads, Harold Lewis and Melvin Owens; Smartest girl, Willie Chatman; Smartest girl, Marion Evans; Girl most likely to succeed, Jo Evelyn Grayson; Boy most likely to succeed, Yours truly; Most intellectual boy, Booker T. Wade; Most intellectual girl, Doris Thompson; Best athlete, Isaac Brown; Cutest girls, Sandra Arps and Sandra Daily.

The best dressed girls are: Gwendolyn Edwards, Edna Smith, Mildred Ford, Delia Wilkins, Patricia Edwards, Bonnie Onides, Claudette Jones, Carol Mason, Eva Brown and Marion Pegues.

The best dressed boys are: Leslie Rogers, Harold Lewis, Syvies, ter Bradford, O. D. Coleman, William Higgins, Lowell Winston, Cleveland Littleton, William Wilks, John Smith and Sylvester Farmer.

HONOR ROLL
At the close of the last six weeks 63 students at Booker T. Washington High school made the High Honor Roll, of that number 28 were sophomores.

Ninth grade honor students are: Pauletta Hawkins, Marilyn Terry, Alvin Brooks, Paul King, Claudine Stansbury, Bobby Collins, Arthur Hicks, Doris E. Johnson, Wallace McKinney, Lula Siggers, Elizabeth Prudent, Thelma Knox, Barbara McMoore, Carolyn Dukes, Lawrence Collins, Marian Evans, Beverly Miller, Mildred

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Event To Feature Benedict Choir

NEW YORK — William J. Trent, Jr., executive director of the United Negro College Fund, officially opens the Fund's 1958 campaign for \$2,250,000 over the American Broadcasting Network, April 13.

The program is one of the regular weekly broadcasts of the "Negro College Choirs." The choral group of Benedict college, Columbia, S. C., directed by Emmett I. Wroten, will be featured on this special broadcast.

The choir of Hampton Institute, under the direction of William A. Scales, will also be heard in a special broadcast on Easter Sunday, April 6. This program was recorded for the ABC series in Chicago during the Hampton Choir's recent Midwest concert tour.

Subsequent April broadcasts will present: the choir of Johnson C. Smith university, Charlotte, N. C., under the direction of Christopher W. Kemp; April 20; the choir of Texas college, Tyler, Texas, directed by Frederick D. Harvey, April 27.

The weekly radio series, narrated by Milton Cross, originates in New York over the American Broadcasting Network, Sundays, 10:35 to 11 a.m. (WABC-N. Y. 12:35-1:00 p. m. Check local radio listings for broadcast time in your area.

Meanwhile, Minneapolis is invaded recently by the 33 member college presidents. Highlight of the four-day gathering was a public convocation at Northrop Memorial auditorium on the University of Minnesota campus.

On this occasion, the 33 presidents were introduced from the stage, President Carroll V. Newsum of New York university, principal speaker, addressed the group on "The Challenge to America."

Speaking for the presidents was Dr. Arthur D. Gray of Talladega college.

Atomic Unit Adjusts Work
LEMONT, Ill. — The Atomic Energy Commission has reassigned some activities of field offices in its Division of Reactor Development. The changes will consolidate administrative and technical supervision in the Division's Aircraft and Naval Reactors Branches.

The Pittsburgh Area office became an operations office March 15 and reports to the Division's Naval Reactors Branch instead of to the Chicago Operations Office. Other changes become effective July 1.

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Memphian Wins Wings Of Aircraft Observer

Second Lieutenant Reuben R. Davis, Jr., of Memphis, was awarded the silver wings of an aircraft observer in a graduation ceremony for flying officers recently at the Ellington Air Force Base near



LT. REUBEN R. DAVIS, JR.

Houston, Texas. Lieut. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben R. Davis, Sr., of 2132 Rayner st., and the brother of Mrs. Gertrude Davis Smith, who lives here also.

The officer was graduated from Manassas high school in 1952, where he was president of the Student Council, and finished Tennessee A & I State university in 1953 with a bachelor of science degree in physics. He was commissioned under the school's Air Force ROTC program.

He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" while a student, at Nashville.

Prior to entering service, Lieut. Davis was employed as a research physicist at the North American Aviation company in Los Angeles.

Lieut. Davis is being transferred to Mather Air Force Base near Sacramento, Calif., where he will study high speed navigation, reconnaissance, and strategic bombing before being assigned to a regular unit.



MEXICAN DANCERS from the Piney Woods school at Piney Woods, Miss., will be the featured attraction when the

Sigma Gamma Rho sorority's scholarship project, "Rhomania," is presented at Bruce hall

on the LeMoyné campus on Friday evening, April 11. The theme of the program will be "Stars of Tomorrow."

Mexican Dancers To Be Featured In 'Rhomania'

The Mexican Dancers of Piney Woods school at Piney Woods, Miss., will be presented at Bruce Hall at LeMoyné college next Friday night in a benefit performance sponsored by the members of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

The benefit program is entitled, "Rhomania," and the funds will be used to award scholarships to young students.

Eight Mexican girls, presently students at the Mississippi school, will be presented, and they will sing in Spanish, and also give the colorful dances.

The dances have appeared in Mexico City and other cities in the country, and have received much acclaim.

In carrying out the theme of

the program, "Stars of Tomorrow," Sigma Gamma Rho will also present talented students from the city schools. Appearing on the program will be representatives from Booker T. Washington, Lester, Manassas, Riverview, Hamilton, Douglas, Hyde Park, Leath, Klondike, and the Lutheran Cooperative schools.

The general chairman for the program, Mrs. Ophelia W. Flowers, and the members of her committee are attempting to make this the greatest "Rhomania" ever seen in Memphis.

Mrs. Mary R. Brooks is the ticket chairman, and Mrs. Ritta P. Smith, president of the sorority.

Cops Link Dope Peddling To Religious Cult

CLEVELAND — (INS) — Cleveland narcotics detectives said yesterday that two men arrested for peddling marijuana have been linked to a New York religious cult that preaches the blessing of using the narcotic.

The detectives said the arrest of the two men has cut the illicit flow of marijuana into Cleveland by nearly 30 per cent.

The two men, Clarence Love, 36, and Alton Ausbrook, 32, reportedly had \$10,000 worth of marijuana in their possession when they were arrested on Cleveland's east side Saturday night.

A booklet, entitled "A Treatise on the Religious Benefits of Marijuana" was found on one of the men.

Writer Thinks Stepin Fetchit Has Something

By PAUL GATHINGS
I hope that someone with time can read this, because talent such as Stepin Fetchit had, and still has, should not go to waste. He's got what it takes, and still some.

It will surprise no one, and least of all the writer, if Step doesn't hit the top again, and within months. He has just completed a fine set of lyrics that someone with foresight enough should take time to look over, for example, Elvis Presley and company. The feeling is there, and technically it is sound.

If you will remember Will Rogers, then you will remember Step as I did. This is not a glowing report of significant progress, nor is it one of retrogression, but one of a good man, with a wonderful talent whose assets should not be left unseen either by the television or the motion picture audiences.

If I had my choice of TV programs, I would choose one with laughter that only Step and the other "Great Ones" could and can provide for this tension-torn world. Let's look around us. We are missing something that Step can supply.



STEPIN FETCHIT

For years the American Cancer Society reported that one in every four who had cancer was being saved. The latest analysis of records shows that today that figure has changed to one in three. Support of the 1958 Crusade of the American Cancer Society will make possible continuation of this progress.

Raise Funds To Fight Power Hike

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (INS) — City officials from southern Illinois communities are trying to raise funds in each community to fight the proposed rate increases by the Illinois Power company.

The officials, headed by Mayor Virgil T. Bailey of Mount Vernon, met at Springfield Sunday. Bailey is president of the newly formed Power Users Protest League, which is opposing the power company's request for annual boosts of \$4,244,000 in electric rates and \$1,120,000 in gas rates.

Bailey said \$1,500 has been raised in donations, but that "a minimum of \$50,000 is needed and preferably \$100,000 to make this fight adequately."

Say Meg To Fight Townsend's Exile

LONDON — (INS) — A mass-circulation London newspaper predicted yesterday that Princess Margaret is determined to end Peter Townsend's "exile" and will turn to him as a faithful friend and unofficial counselor.

The People, a Sunday newspaper, made the prediction as all Britain speculated what would happen when Margaret and Queen Elizabeth meet at Windsor Castle later.

The Queen and her sister have not seen each other since Meg made headlines around the world by sipping tea with the former RAF hero whom she was once expected to marry.

Elizabeth was in Holland when Townsend and Margaret met. Then the Princess flew to Germany Friday to visit two British regiments in her role as their honorary colonel-in-chief. Meg returned home yesterday.

The Sunday pictorial predicted a "family crisis" would result when the Queen and Margaret meet.

The People said Margaret's closest advisers opposed her meeting with Townsend. It added that she will continue to defy them until his "exile" is ended.

Margaret was reported to believe she needs Townsend near her as a friend and confidant.

Townsend was believed likely to return to Brussels early this week. If there is any new meeting between him and Margaret on this visit to London, it probably would have to be before Tuesday.

RIPLEY LAUDERDALE County NEWS

Debbie Curtin was home last week to attend the funeral of his sister, Marie. Charles Tyus, a nephew of the deceased woman, was also here.

Mrs. Emma Graham entertained the members of the Willing Workers club last Monday night. Ice cream and buttered pecans were served at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Fannie Mae Miller and her children are here from Chicago visiting their aunt, Mrs. Ella Brewer.

Palm Sunday services were observed by the members of the Rising Star Chapter No. 31 OES at Lauderdale High school. Mrs. E. Halliburton, worthy matron; Mrs. Willie Kate Coe, associated matron, and Rev. B. F. Harris is pastor.

Mrs. M. M. Johnson, Miss Ella M. Barbee, S. E. Moore, and Bobby Purham were present at the Educational Workshop held recently at the Peoples Chapel CME church in Dyersburg. The closing workshop for the district was held for three days at the Miles Chapel CME church.

The NHA of Lauderdale High school observed National NHA Week with a chapel program on Tuesday morning, March 25, and a talent program on Wednesday night, March 26. Representatives from NHA of the school will be leaving for Nashville in a few days to attend a meeting at Tennessee A and I State university. Miss Wanda Jean Brent is president of the district.

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Gets Columbia U Teaching Post

NEW YORK — The appointment of Dr. Mozell C. Hill as professor of education at Teachers college, Columbia university, effective July 1, 1958, was announced yesterday by Dr. Hollis L. Caswell, president of the college.

Dr. Hill is now a professor and chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology at Atlanta university, Atlanta.

His special research and teaching interests are rural and urban re-development, with particular attention to the changing social structure of the community, marriage and family relations and social change, behavior in small groups, techniques of social research, and the sociology of occupations and professions.

At Teachers college, Prof. Hill

will be a member of the department of the social and philosophical foundations of education. His courses will include the sociology of the community, urban sociology, and education and society.

He will also introduce a new course, "social stratification and social learning," which will deal with the "social class" or status levels of individuals, especially with how and what children learn in school and from the rest of the environment.

Dr. Hill was born in Anniston, Ala. He attended the public schools of Kansas City, Kan., and received the A. B. and M. A. degrees at the University of Kansas. His Ph.D. degree was awarded by the University of Chicago in 1946.

He continued his education at the London School of Economics and the Institute of Social Anthropology at All Souls College in Oxford University.

Prof. Hill taught at Langston university before going to Atlanta university.

Coldwater Miss.

A musical festival was held recently at the Second Baptist church, with several choirs participating. They were the Tate County Choral clubs. Included were groups from Freedom, Walker High, Senatobia, and the Coldwater Junior High schools. Everyone enjoyed the program.

Mrs. Agnes Price spent Sunday in Memphis visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Milton, and her grandchildren.

Mrs. Sallie Hawks and Mrs. Fredie Gray were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burnette.

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Students And Teachers Star In Campus Play

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice," a play adapted from the works of Goethe, was presented recently at LaMoine college as a student-faculty variety show. It concerned an apprentice to a sorcerer, who, in his master's absence, has quite a ball dabbling around with black magic.

In the play, the apprentice was ably portrayed by Reginald Morris, the art teacher, and he "re-lived" some talented people whom his master had put to death. He made Duquenne Parks play the organ, and Ronald Cunningham give forth on the clarinet.

With his master's formula he had Theris Horne to perform a dance. Only a small portion of the magic dust was necessary to "resurrect" Jean Brown, and have her sing Gershwin's "Summertime."

To the delight of the audience, the apprentice had some more tricks to deliver. Floyd Cansler sang, Robert Marley, a contortionist, performed feats of skill, and Margaret Cansler came to life with music.

Miss Jean Haydel, the librarian, was also brought to life, and did a pantomime to the song, "Miss Peaches."

Collaborating with Mr. Morris in the black magic production were William Fletcher, a mathematics teacher, and John Whitaker, of the music department. The show was organized and directed by Miss Haydel.

Mrs. Ella Roper Buried; Active In Church Work

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Mae Roper, an ardent church worker during her life, were held at the Spring Hill Baptist church last week. Mrs. Roper died on March 19, at the John Gaston hospital.

Mrs. Roper joined the Spring Hill church at Raleigh when she was eleven years old, under the pastorate of the late Rev. R. Branch, and was an active member there until her death.

She served as president of the Missionary Society, taught in the Sunday School, and was treasurer of the Baptist Training Union.

Mrs. Roper was a faithful member of the church choir, and was Worthy Counsellor of the New Era Court of Cadanthes No. 130.

Besides her husband, Nathan Roper, Mrs. Roper is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Georgia Mae Jordan and Mrs. Sadie Bryant, and a son, Thurman Roper.

Officiating at the service was Rev. Brady Johnson. Interment was in the church cemetery. The Hollywood Funeral home had charge of arrangements.



ONE OF THE LAST PHOTOS—This is one of the last photos of W. C. Handy (shown left) made with Memphians. The occasion was the visit of the then Miss Mertis Jones, (last year's WDIA Talent Search Winner in the classical division) and Miss Willa Monroe, popular homemaker commentator of the radio station, to Handy's lovely home in Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. Handy is shown in tears as singer Jones renders the composer's composition, "They That Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy."

Miss Monroe said that Singer Jones had never seen the musical score and that she sang it so movingly Mr. Handy has profoundly stirred. The talented young singer is shown at extreme right, beside piano. She is now Mrs. Mertis Jones Ewell and is employed in the Memphis public school system. Mr. Handy, 84, died early Friday morning in Sydenham hospital, N. Y. of pneumonia. (See other photo and story on page one).

Earle Church Hears Speaker

EARLE, Ark. — Rev. H. H. Harper, radio minister, was the principal speaker for the Men's Day program held at First Baptist M. B. church last Sunday. He delivered inspiring address.

Jesse McBass was chairman of the program. Pastor of the church is Rev. James.

Warn Students Against Sending Up Rockets

WASHINGTON — (INS) — The U. S. Office of Education has warned students against experimenting with rockets and other missiles unless expertly supervised.

Lawrence G. Derthick, U. S. Commissioner of Education, said: "Young people's interest in rocketry and other scientific fields definitely should be encouraged. However, recent serious accidents involving persons experimenting with rockets emphasize the need for strict precautions."

Aviation education specialist Willis C. Brown said under no circumstances should a youth build a rocket, mix rocket fuel, load a rocket, or attempt to launch it without supervision by an adult rocket expert.

10-Year Feud Ends In Killing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (INS) — A 10-year feud has ended in death for a Nashville man as he lay dying of a rifle wound on a rural road identified his brother-in-law as his assailant.

Raymond Sloan, 38, died three hours after he was shot Sunday. Woodrow Driver, 43, was charged with the slaying and released in \$2,500 bond.

Two Davidson County Sheriff's deputies witnessed the shooting on the road northwest of Nashville. The deputies said Driver was shooting at Sloan from across the street.

Driver told police that he and Sloan had quarreled and when Sloan entered his car, he thought his brother-in-law was going for a rifle and "was going to shoot me."

He said Sloan "has been telling me for 10 years that he was going to kill me."

Cite Bad Engine In Todd Crash

WASHINGTON — (INS) — The Civil Aeronautics board said the New Mexico plane crash Saturday which killed Mike Todd and three others may have been caused by failure of the right engine in flight.

The board said investigators at the sight of the crash found that the starboard propeller of the two-engine Lockheed Lodestar had been "feathered" to stop its motion.

The report said the oil container in the starboard engine held "an abnormal quantity of metal fragments, indicating there may been a substantial failure of the

BO WINNINGER AND DAVE REGAN PICKED FOR THE MASTERS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — (INS) — Bo Winger, of Odessa, Texas, and Dave Regan, of Orlando, Fla., will join a field of more than 90 top-flight golfers Thursday in the Masters tournament at Augusta.

Tournament chairman Clifford Roberts announced Sunday night that Winger and Regan, by virtue of their records on the winter golf circuit, were nominated by the PGA to compete in the classic.

Woman, 99, Burned To Death HUNTINGTON, Ark. — (INS) — Mrs. Annie Patterson, 99, was burned to death yesterday when fire destroyed her home at Huntington, where she lived alone.

Writer Notes Changes In Africa In Decade

By Dr. C. C. Adams

MONROVIA, LIBERIA — What is Africa today compared to the Africa I saw in 1925 when I made my first trip here? The change is like one from the gloom of night to the rosy dawn of morning. The change overtakes the imagination and can simply, in the best terms, be described as "The New Africa."

In 1925 the people were listless and without hope. There was not even a whisper or hint of nationalism, freedom or self government. This was the height and the beginning of the climax, and the close of World War Two. This event brought with it a new conception of men and nations. This was a war which brought nations together as comrades or contestants.

Through this conflict, history for Africa was born again. The people gained new evaluations of and respect for each other. Thence came the sacredness of human personality. The idea of the dignity of man had a new birth. Africa also witnessed her rebirth and began a conscious new life and demanded her true place in the family of the sons of God.

Now new visions and hope reign supreme. Education and know how are being sought throughout the world. Africa is now beginning to realize the value of her great resources, how she has been exploited, and she is now determined to utilize the benefits more fully. Africa also realizes her many unchanneled resources and plans

to do something harnessing the rivers and developing the vast oil deposits recently discovered.

Despite the exploitations by other nations in the past, Africa has benefited in know how. This, of course, verifies the truth that no one can benefit himself without helping others.

Importantly, the real living symbol of "The New Africa" is Ghana. It is the symbol of freedom of all Africa, for all Negroes everywhere. But this is a time for caution, much sober planning, hard work and varying emotions while Premier Nkrumah and Ghana are walking the tight rope of experimentation, the great awful chasm of newness and inexperience in self government.

Nkrumah's five-year plan of three hundred million dollars, to develop and diversify agriculture and build small industry, seems wise and not overly ambitious. He seems to avoid the mistakes common to new drivers to speed limit. It is felt that his future plans call for the development of the numerous mineral deposits of the Volta river, and the control of this river for electrical power as a sound basis for the economic independence of the nation.

Since this will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, they hope in Ghana for outside investment and help. If Ghana will but walk with her hand clasped in the outstretched hand of God, hers will be a glorious experiment and shining symbol to all Negroes.

Final Rites For Mrs. E. Robinson

Funeral services for Mrs. Evis S. Robinson were held recently at the First Baptist church, Chelsea, with Rev. Van J. Malone, the pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Robinson, a former Memphian, had resided in Cincinnati for several decades, and died here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Beulah V. Macon, of 753 Galloway ave.

Mrs. Macon is the organist at the St. James AME church. Interment was in the New Park cemetery. J. C. Oates and Son Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Urge Recognition Of Negro Masons

NEW ORLEANS, La. — (ANP) — Charles Van Cott, editor of a Masonic journal, "Masonic Inspiration," advocates recognition of the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masons as a means of combatting bogus Masonry among Negroes in the USA.

Van Cott stated in the February issue: "Millions of fine American Negroes seek a fair share in our democracy. The Prince Hall Masons do not want to intervisit with us (they are gun-shy after being taken so many years by white folk). But if we merely admit they are the only legitimate Negro Masons, it would destroy clandestine colored groups, help Prince Hall grow into a greater body of Negro Masons. This very suggestion shows what hypocrites we are — for Masonry is Masonry — not white, black or red, just a wee bit yellow now and then."

No comment was secured from leading Prince Hall Masons over the nation.

Prince Hall Masons trace their origin to a charter issued to their founder, Prince Hall of Massachusetts who founded the first Negro lodge and the first Negro Grand Lodge, African Grand Lodge, from which all Negro Masonry in the USA of legitimate claim has descended.

Hospitalize 2 Accident Victims

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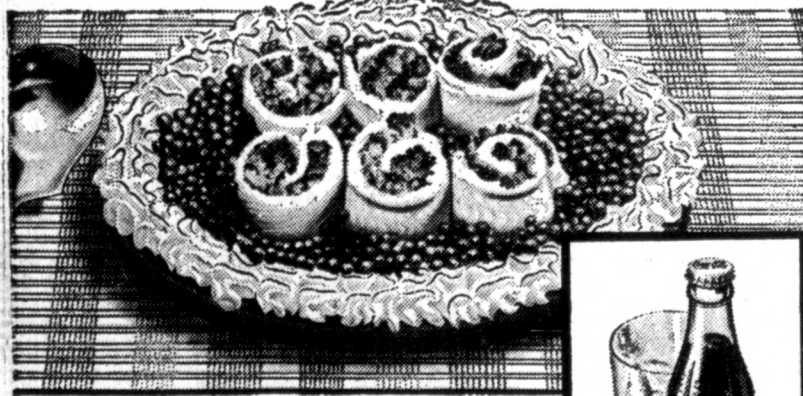
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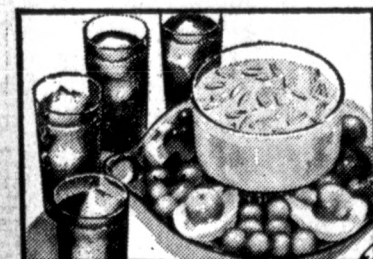
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